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Candidates for governor battle in first televised debate

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

On Tuesday night, the four candidates for the upcoming gubernatorial election in Massachusetts gathered for the first televised debate this year.

The Democratic candidate, current Governor Deval Patrick is fighting for his seat while facing challenges from Republican candidate Charles Baker, Green-Rainbow candidate Jill Stein, and independent candidate Timothy Cahill.

The candidates all engaged in a lively one hour discussion, touching on different issues with the ever-present concern of the budget and the economy of Massachusetts at the forefront of the debate.

With the unemployment rate at nine percent, talk of the economy and potential solutions dominated much of the debate.

While Patrick explained how his administration has worked towards reviving the economy, Baker argued that the governor has not worked hard enough to limit government spending.

Baker promised to cut taxes and make a more affordable model for the Commonwealth while Ms. Stein argued that the best way to cut

the deficit is to cut waste and to save.

Stein argued that "sweetheart deals" are a problem in the current administration and that Massachusetts needs to put its people back to work and create more green jobs.

Cahill used his experience in improving the budget for education to demonstrate that he could handle the deficit problem.

Patrick and Baker engaged in some heated exchanges, especially dealing with the economy.

When Patrick said that Baker did not deal well financially with the Big Dig, Baker accused Patrick of blaming his problems on a project that happened 25-30 years ago.

In regards to Patrick's changes in the state pension system, Baker said it was "a bunt when we should have been swinging away."

Patrick's response was, "you call it a bunt. You've never even swung at the ball."

Stein and Cahill let the two leading candidates battle it out during their tense exchange of words.

Although economic issues dominated most of the discussion, towards the end of the debate the candidates shared their views on immigration.

Baker and Cahill took the



Photo courtesy of Boston.com
Charlie Baker, Timothy Baker, Governor Deval Patrick, and Jill Stein at the Gubernatorial Debate on September 7th, 2010.

position that the state needs to act while Patrick and Stein argued for a national resolve to that issue.

Overall, all of the candidates gave clear and compelling arguments and it remains to be seen what, if any, change the debate will have on

the leading candidate in the polls.

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Helping out our town: Hoot Day

By Alex Myers

Co-Editor-in-Chief

The talk of "Hoot Day" spread throughout campus during Welcome Week.

Hoot Day, which means Helping Out Our Town, was a Welcome Week activity set up for freshman students to start their college career off right by doing some community service around the town of Westfield.

Co-President of Circle K and Senior Matt Dellea along with other Circle K members wanted to begin this project so first year students could get their names out there early.

"Jill Manganelli and I worked vigorously over the summer to create what it quickly became. I got Lisa McMahon on board and the community service project just burst into



Photo courtesy of Karen Renda

Circle K, Residential Life, members of the 2010 Orientation Team, and students come together to "Help Out Their Town" during Hoot Day

something awesome and it became HOOT Day, something that was bigger and more

important than just getting our name out there," Dellea said. He said that he

wanted to help "bridge the gap between Downtown Westfield and the University."

Dellea, Jill Manganelli, Lisa McMahon from WBID, and Residential Life set up many places around Westfield for the students to go and do community service.

They were: Camp for Kids where they painted and did outside landscaping, downtown where they cleaned three municipal parking lots and painted store front windows, Amelia Park where they did interior cleaning.

Other sites where students helped include the Boys and Girls Club where the projects were endless, the Woman's Club where they did landscaping, Flower by Webster where they painted and landscaped, The Westfield Athenaeum where they did indoor painting, and the

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Judge rules cheerleading is not real sport

By Kylie Coffey

Voice Reporter

Earlier this summer, a federal judge ruled that competitive cheerleading was not an official sport after members of Quinnipiac University's volleyball team sued the university for trying to cut their program and replace it with a competitive cheer squad.

United States District Court Judge Stefan R. Underhill ruled that a competitive cheer team did not go in compliance with Title IX, a law created in 1972 that demands equal

rights for both men and women in education and athletics.

"Competitive cheerleading may sometime in the future qualify as a sport under Title IX," stated Underhill. "Today however, the activity is still underdeveloped and disorganized to be treated as offering genuine varsity participation opportunities for students."

Under the Title IX law, an activity is considered a sport once it meets certain criteria.

It needs to have coaches, practices, competitions during a certain season, and competition needs to be the main focus.

The activity cannot support other activities.

Competitive cheerleading is not recognized by the NCAA or the Federal Department of Education.

The once "competitive cheer" team at Quinnipiac University is now being called Stunts and Tumbling.

According to the Quinnipiac Athletics' website, The National Collegiate Stunts and Tumbling Association is "the official governing body of the sport and is made up of the six institutions that currently sponsor stunts and tumbling at the varsity level

So what does this mean for all cheerleading across the nation, and especially at Westfield State University? According to WSU cheer coach, Lisa Moscow, nothing changes. WSU has two cheer squads.

"Here at Westfield" said Moscow, "our co-ed team is considered a sport. We do traditional competition cheer, which hundreds of colleges across the country also participate in. We have a win-loss record and are evaluated at competitions by professionally trained judges."

The all-girl squad however, is not considered a sport, but an athletic activity.

"The participants are athletes but what we do is not considered a sport," said Moscow. "Traditional cheerleading at a game is not a sport, but this does not detract from the value of what we do, or directly reflect the level of athleticism we can do it at," Moscow continued.

Moscow also mentioned that cheering at a game is very different from competing at a competition with a cheerleading routine.

Moscow said that "both of these are still different from what QU was trying to do," referring to starting a Stunts and Tumbling Team.

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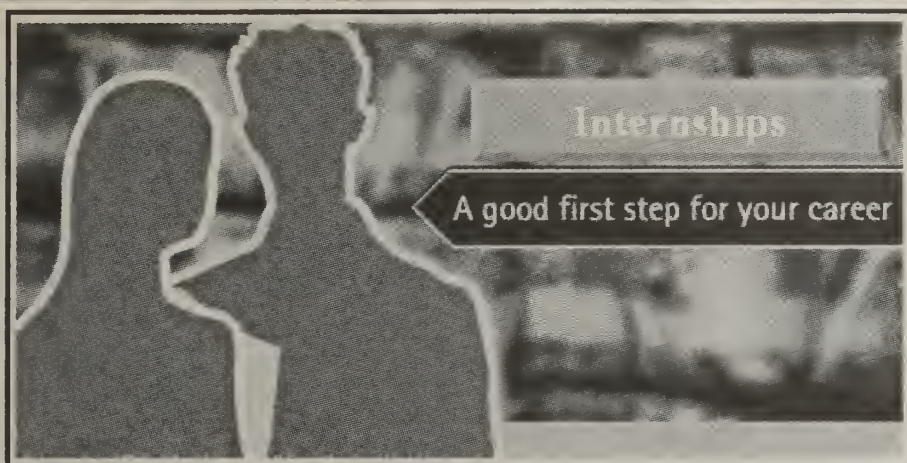
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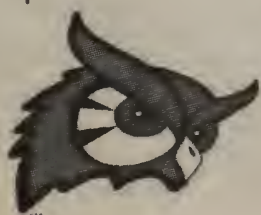
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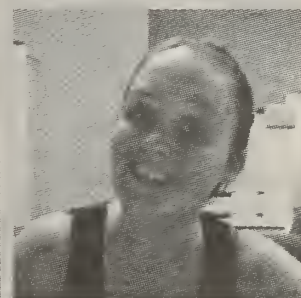
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Student of the Week



Kylie Coffey
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If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?

I would say Snooki so I can get paid \$10 grand an episode to party in the Jersey Shore.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?

Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, and Kellie Pickler

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?

That it's small enough that I can roll out of bed and get to class but big enough that I don't have to know every single person.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?

Go to grad school and then try to work for a major magazine.

What is your favorite material object?

My iphone. I can't live without it.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

I cheer for the all girls squad, I am involved in the Comm Club, and the Westfield Voice.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Students get involved for Hoot Day

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Westfield Athenaeum where they did indoor painting, and the arboretum where they planted trees throughout downtown.

"There were more, the list that our volunteers did was endless," Dellea said.

Dellea said he and Manganelli felt very nervous before the project took off because they knew there would be glitches as it was the first time ever doing this.

"But when we took a step back and actually observed what we had accomplished, the outcome was truly amazing," he said.

Although he said his feeling is bittersweet now that the project is over, Dellea said he received nothing but positive feedback.

"The places where we volunteered were more than thrilled to have us and they were very excited for this opportunity," Dellea added.

President Evan Dobelle tried to stop by each of the places in Westfield to show is excitement for the program.

He said, "To have 150 freshman the first week of college volunteer their time to work and labor for hours, to help the community, outside on a sweltering hot day is a testimony to them, their values, our University and Matt and Circle-K. It was spectacular and I could not have been prouder to be president and witness that kind of participation, dedication and spirit."

Other appearances on the site were The Republican, The Westfield

Evening News, ABC 40, and Channel 22 News.

Dellea would like to say thanks to all of the people who helped out with this event.

"We couldn't have done without the nearly 200 people that gave their time to join in and lend a helping hand," He said.

Dellea continued, "A special thanks from Circle K goes out to the Residential Life Office, Jessica Hufnagle, Shannon Green, Rosemary Dowling, Lisa McMahon, Barbara Trant, First United Methodist Church, and the 2010 Orientation Team."

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Editor's Desk



FIRST EDITION OF FALL 2010!

It's been the most stressful week ever. We had all this stuff that was changing, like where we send the paper to, the size of the paper (if you haven't noticed, it's tiny), and our wonderful new writers. It's 11:57 and all I want to do is go to bed but Alex and I are so excited and proud of everything we have accomplished in such a short amount of time!

I can't write very much here anymore, but I will say thank you to everyone who showed interest in the paper! It's so much fun (when everything goes smoothly) and it really is such a good experience to have under your belt.

Anyway, it's really late and I can't pick my brain for anything else to write so everyone have a great weekend and hopefully my Editor's Desk will actually be interesting next week.

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Southwick Lions Club Fundraiser Sale!

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Adult aluminum snowshoes - \$59 & up
Special selection of skates - New and Used
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Southwick Town Hall
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Saturday, September 25
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Many one of a kind deals - Come early!

Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Veggie Tacos with Feta and Cilantro

cilantro

Salt and pepper to taste

For the veggies:

2 small zucchini, cut
lengthwise into thin slices
2 small yellow squash, cut
lengthwise into thin slices
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 Serrano chile, minced
8 6-inch corn tortillas,
warmed
3/4 cup feta cheese
Coarsely chopped fresh

Fry the veggies in a large pan with the vegetable oil (the veggies should be on the soft side)
Add the garlic, salt, and pepper and toss gently to coat.
Let the vegetables cool slightly and then slice into thin strips.
Season to taste with salt and pepper.
Assemble the tacos by spooning some of the vegetable mixture on top of each tortilla
Top with crumbled Feta cheese and chopped cilantro.

ENJOY!!

Plans for Ground Zero

By Samantha Fahey
Co-Editor-In-Chief

This Saturday is the ninth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that demolished the Twin Towers in New York City on September 11, 2001.

Regardless of where you are on Saturday, there will be four moments of silence in memoriam, two to commemorate the moments at which each building was hit, and two to recognize the moments when each tower fell. The first will be at 8:46 a.m.

Currently under construction, Ground Zero will soon be home to the Memorial Museum where visitors can take a journey through the past and experience individual and personal historical narratives.

According to the National 9/11 Memorial website, "...visitors to the Museum will enter through a Pavilion that will house an auditorium for public programming, a multi-purpose area for contemplation and refreshment, and a private suite reserved for victims' family members."

On Tuesday, September 7 two historic Twin Tower "tridents," which were recovered from the World Trade Center site during the recovery effort in 2001

and 2002, were installed into their permanent positions, which will be prominently visible from the Memorial Plaza through the Museum's glass atrium.

"The 'tridents' are visual references to the towers that once stood at the World Trade Center," Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg, said. "Installed within the Museum, they will symbolize our resolve to overcome the devastation of 9/11 and signal a hopeful future as they greet visitors to the site."

From the Pavilion, visitors will descend a ramp toward the heart of the exhibitions. "This descent echoes the ramp that once was used by construction workers to help build the World Trade Center," said the website, "and was again used in the aftermath of the attacks for the recovery and clean-up of the site and by victims' family members to access bedrock on anniversaries of 9/11."

The final decent to the base of the site will take visitors along the Vesey Street Stair Remnant, or the "Survivor Stairs," which were used by hundreds who were racing to escape the destruction of the towers on 9/11.

Then the visitors arrive on the "Bedrock" or the base,

which served as the foundation for the World Trade Center. Most prominent on this level are the actual structural foundations of the towers that are still protruding from deep in the ground.

Also on this level are "the permanent and temporary exhibit galleries which tell the story of the events of 9/11 through artifacts, narratives, oral histories and multi-media displays," the website reported.

In the West Chamber will be the massive "Last Column" which is covered in tributes and memorabilia from members of the construction trades, construction personnel, and victims' family members. It marked the end of the nine-month recovery efforts.

Then visitors begin the ascent back up to Memorial Hall. There will be an escalator, which will have "controlled views out to the aluminum-clad tower volumes. Arrival in Memorial Hall is followed by an ascent up to the plaza, the Memorial fountains and the active life of the city," according to the website.

Although no date is specified for the completion of this project, construction is ongoing and can be followed at www.national911memorial.org.

Editor's Desk



YAY! First edition, how exciting!

Now that summer is over and the fall air is sweeping over us, it's time to get down to business and get this newspaper going!

Too bad this weeks been so stressful! We had so many things to figure out and of course we had to recruit new Voice-ians to our staff. Thanks to everyone who showed and interest and we hope you all write and continue to write for us!

Since I went to bed at 1 a.m. and had to be up at 7 a.m. my thinking process isn't too good (that's probably bad seeing as I have class in an hour?), so I'm going to wrap this thing up. I promise this will not be so dull next week! Anyway, have a wonderful weekend!

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Burning of Quran stirs controversy as 9/11 approaches

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Amidst the charged debate over the building of an Islamic Center in New York City comes news of a pastor's plans for burning of the Quran, the Islamic bible.

Terry Jones, pastor of a Florida church of fifty members, has claimed that his church will go ahead with the burning of the Islamic holy book on Saturday, the ninth anniversary of the 2001 Terrorist Attacks.

Jones explained that

the burning of the holy books will "confront terrorism" and the "radical element of Islam."

Despite facing increasing criticism from the Muslim community and other government officials, Jones has declared that his group is "not convinced that backing down is the right thing."

The proposed plan has elicited a strong international and national response.

General Petraeus, commander of United States forces in Afghanistan, warned that the burning of the Quran would result in

"the safety of our soldiers and civilians... put in jeopardy and accomplishment of the mission would be made more difficult."

In addition, the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan released a statement that said the burning would be "disrespectful."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton echoed this view in saying that she was "heartened by the clear, unequivocal condemnation of this disrespectful, disgraceful act that has come from American religious leaders of all faiths ... as

well as secular U.S. leaders and opinion makers."

As well as these American leaders, the Obama Administration, the Vatican, and NATO also made their disapproval known.

Other religious groups have spoken against the plan while thousands of Indonesians protested at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta.

If Pastor Jones does not heed the warnings, his group's proposed plans could result in detrimental consequences for the United States.

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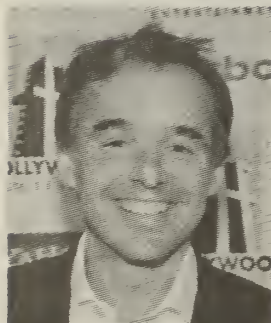
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We look forward to hearing from you!

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Chris Columbus - Born Sept 10, 1958



Born in Spangler, Pennsylvania, Chris Columbus graduated from New York University's film school at the Tisch School of the Arts. In his early ca-

reer, Columbus worked as a playwright for Steven Spielberg's Amblin Productions on movies such as *The Goonies* (1985).

His early directorial work includes, among others, *Home Alone* (1990), the musical-turned movie *RENT* (2005) and *I Love You, Beth Cooper* (2009).

However he is most recognized for directing both the first and second installments of the widely-known *Harry Potter* series.

9/11 - Event September 11, 2001



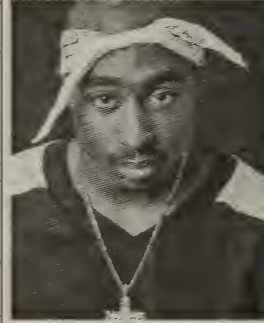
The September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City were a series of calculated kamikaze attacks by al-Qaeda upon the United States.

Hijackers took

control of two airplanes and intentionally crashed into the twin towers, killing everyone on board and numerous others working in the buildings.

Both buildings collapsed in two hours. The hijackers crashed a third plane into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and a fourth plane into a field near rural Pennsylvania after some of the passengers and flight crew attempted to retake control of the plane. There were no survivors from any of the flights.

Tupac Shakur - Died Sept 13, 1996



Tupac was an American rapper who sold over 75 million albums world-wide and was named 86th Greatest Artist of All Time by *Rolling Stone Magazine*. Most of his songs

are about growing up surrounded by violence and destruction in ghettos, along with racism and other social problems, including conflicts with other rappers during the East Coast-West Coast hip hop rivalry.

Violence was not only prominent in his songs but in his life as well, as he was convicted of sexual assault in 1993. In September of 1996 he was shot in Las Vegas, Nevada and died of respiratory failure and cardiac arrest.

Raekwon album gets 4 stars

By Lewis Pacheco
Voice Reporter

I'm sure my fellow rap connoisseurs will agree with me when I say that one of last year's best albums was Wu-Tang Clan by drug-rap czar Raekwon's sequel to his *Mafioso* classic "Only Built 4 Cuban Linx."

Now, a year after its release, a re-release has appeared on iTunes similar to that of Eminem's "Relapse," featuring a handful of bonus remixes and songs that did not make the original album.

The first three new songs are remixes produced by OB4CL2 producer BT, who does a pretty good job on these tracks.

The first of the batch is "The New Wu," which has an entirely different and new feel from the RZA's original, but still works thanks to the energy of BT's new beatwork, the MCs' still-impressive performances, and a litany of samples long-time Wu fans will instantly recognize.

BT's second remix of "Broken Safety" is

a much closer reimagining of Scram Jones' original.

This new beat is slightly starker, with a few bass notes, shimmering cymbals, and a sample of some demonic laughter. It has that same old vibe, but in the end it's nothing we haven't heard before.

The third remix, on the other hand, is a surprising highlight. For "Penitentiary (Remix)," BT enlisted Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker to add his own drum track and some feedback-laden guitar to BT's original beat.

The resulting rock feel goes fantastically with Raekwon and Ghostface's high-octane verses.

As for the unreleased tracks, no matter their quality—which is high—one can see why they didn't make the final cut.

The first is an original version of the Dr. Dre/Rae/Busta Rhymes collabo "About Me" featuring not Busta but Game.

Game does a good job of keeping up with his idol and, fits in well with the Wu-Tang, but

since his voice is fairly similar to Rae's, the track actually becomes slightly monotonous.

In the end, Raekwon made a good choice in putting the Busta Rhymes version on his own album, since it's got plenty more energy.

This leaves another track that didn't make the cut: "Rockstars," produced by the RZA, featuring GZA, Inspectah Deck, and Billie Holiday-sound-alike Thea Van Seijenz.

Simply reading that lineup tells the listener that they're in for a classic-style Wu-Banga, and no doubt that's what the listener gets.

Raekwon is on point as always, Inspectah Deck completely steals the song in his 1993-1997 style, and the GZA is in full storytelling mode, a good omen for his upcoming "Liquid Swords" sequel.

The RZA and Stone Mecca concoct a beautiful and mellow but still forceful beat with funky organ and guitar lines, which deserves to be heard.

Grade: 4/5

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The Struggle for Religious Tolerance in Eritrea: Root Causes and Women's Activism

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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Timothy Black

When Heart Turns Rock Solid

Monday, October 4, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Josephine Dickinson

The Silence of the Lambs

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Scanlon Living Room

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3. Nelly - Just a Dream
4. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
5. Usher Ft. Pitbull - DJ Got Us Fallin' in Love
6. Enrique Iglesias Ft. Pitbull - I Like It
7. Ke\$ha - Take it Off
8. Eminem Ft. Rihanna - Love the Way You Lie
9. B.O.B. Ft. Rovers Cuomo - Magic
10. Taylor Swift - Mine

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3. Prince of Persia
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3. Interpol - Interpol
4. Anberlin - Dark is the Way. Light is the Place.
5. Stone Sour - Audio Secrecy
6. Eminem - Recovery
7. Robyn - Body Talk, Pt. 2
8. Disturbed - Asylum
9. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More
10. Camp Rock 2

KISS electrifies Mohegan Sun in the hottest show of the summer

The KISS Army assembled at Mohegan Sun
By Franny Zupancic
Voice Alumni

once more on August 18.

The horde of colorful fans filled the arena with many decked out in costume or face paint to pledge their allegiance to the glam rock icons.

KISS themselves were in full costume as expected, and a full pyrotechnic show was in tow.

The band opened their set with "Modern Day Delilah," the lead single from their 2009 effort, Sonic Boom, after being lowered to the stage from a moving platform.

The rest of the set included more Sonic Boom material and elaborate displays of platforms.

Surprisingly, the Sonic

Boom material sounds just as good as any of KISS's efforts from the seventies. Paul Stanley, however, struggled at times.

Even during the performance of tracks written recently, Stanley's voice was not up to the task of successfully hitting all of the high notes.

Fortunately, the rest of the band's stellar members (Gene Simmons, Tommy Thayer, and Eric Singer) made up for Stanley's mishaps, and Stanley's stage presence made his vocal errors go largely unnoticed.

During the band's performance of the 1979 disco smash-hit "I Was Made For Lovin' You," Paul Stanley climbed into a harness and was transported across the arena onto a rotating platform at the back of the arena.

For one song only, the rear balcony had the best seats in the house.

KISS played all of their army's favorites, but surprising omissions included Strutter and God of Thunder, in favor of Beth (unfortunately) and God Gave Rock 'n' Roll to You II (not as bad, but still unfortunate).

KISS performed an extended encore, which concluded with all members of the band on risers, confetti shooting into the crowd, and pyrotechnics that would make Vince McMahon of World Wrestling Entertainment shake in his sports-entertainment boots.

In 2010, KISS still lives up to their self-proclaimed title



Photo courtesy of google.com

of the hottest band in the world.

Their show is a must-see for anyone whether you are a die hard KISS Army member or not a fan at all.

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Megadeth to release 20th anniversary CD & DVD

By Franny Zupancic
Voice Alumni

After 25 years as a band and having gone through 20 official members, Megadeth is still going strong as one of metal's dominating names.

September 2010 is no different, as the band released the 20th anniversary version of "Rust in Peace" on CD and DVD.

This is no ordinary anniversary re-release, however.

Rather than rehashing the original album with bonus tracks like many other bands do these days, Megadeth toured to celebrate the album's anniversary, performing it in its entirety at each show.

The March 31 show at the Hollywood Palladium was selected as the set to be recorded for retail release.

The CD:

1. Holy Wars...The Punishment Due

2. Hangar 18
 3. Take No Prisoners
 4. Five Magics
 5. Poison Was the Cure
 6. Lucretia
 7. Tornado of Souls
 8. Dawn Patrol
 9. Rust in Peace...Polaris
 10. Holy Wars...Reprise
- Bonus Performances:
11. Skin O' My Teeth
 12. In My Darkest Hour
 13. She-Wolf
 14. Trust
 15. Symphony of Destruction
 16. Peace Sells

The DVD:

1. Holy Wars...The Punishment Due
2. Hangar 18
3. Take No Prisoners
4. Five Magics
5. Poison Was the Cure
6. Lucretia
7. Tornado of Souls
8. Dawn Patrol
9. Rust in Peace...Polaris
10. Holy Wars...Reprise

Bonus Songs:

1. Skin O' My Teeth
 2. In My Darkest Hour
 3. She-Wolf
 4. Trust
 5. Symphony of Destruction
 6. Peace Sells
- & Behind the Scenes Footage (only eight minutes).

The release contains no new material, as expected. It appears that fans will have to wait for the release of Guitar Hero 6 to hear a new Megadeth tune.

Long-time fans, however, will appreciate hearing or seeing performances of songs that were not usual staples of the band's setlists, in addition to songs that are staples, like Symphony of Destruction and Peace Sells.

The CD and DVD demonstrate that frontman and lead guitarist Dave Mustaine still 'has it' after 25 years of touring and recording, despite any mishaps that have happened along the way, like the

revolving door of bandmates.

The concert is fantastic and guitarist Chris Broderick does justice when playing Marty Friedman's classic solos.

However, you can barely hear them. The only complaint I have about this release is that the mixing is not very good.

Megadeth is a guitar-driven band and the guitars are not nearly loud enough in this mix.

You can hear the drums and bass fine, and Mustaine is loud and clear—perhaps a bit too loud.

It's a great DVD, but if they increased the volume on the guitars and added more special features, they would have a near-perfect release.

This was released on Blu-Ray as well. Given the audio quality and the lack of DVD features, I can't imagine the Blu-Ray release will be any different, and thus not worth the extra cost.

Minor complaints aside, this is a solid release and rocked its way onto retail shelves on September 7.

Owls put Golden Bears to sleep with 5-0 win

By Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State field hockey team put on a dynamic offensive display in their home opener at Alumni Field Tuesday evening, scorching Western New England College for five goals, four of which came in the first half, to improve their record to 2-0 following a 6-3 season opening win over Becker College.

Westfield controlled the tempo for much of the first half, with junior forward Jessi Gould (Canton, MA) connecting for a goal in the 8th minute and senior forward Amanda Burns (Hillsdale, NY) scoring in the 10th.

Freshman Sarah Pliszka of Enfield, CT scored her first career goal in the 26th minute and Gould scored again in the 29th.

The Owl's were also paced by the brilliant stick-work of senior Catherine Moriar-

ity (South Hatfield) and sophomore Lauren Tavares (Tiverton, RI) who both commanded the midfield well and enabled the Owl's first half scoring tear.

The second half saw the Owls once again assert their dominance as Gould would score yet again off an assist from senior captain Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA), giving Gould a hat trick in only the second game of the season. However, the game was a stale mate for the rest of the half.

WNEC was undeterred and continued to fight, taking command of the second half with long possessions in which they tested the WSU backline.

Junior Goalie Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, MA) was up to the challenge, stopping eight WNEC shots on the night—a night in which the Golden Bears also had an 11-1 advantage on corners.

The defensive highlight of the night came as the

second half wound down when McCarthy emphatically stopped a WNEC penalty shot with under two minutes remaining to preserve the Owl's first shutout of the young season.

The Owl's kept WNEC on their toes all night, shuffling lines at a rate similar to that of the Boston Bruins, and despite being outshot 14-10, the Owl's capitalized on their chances. Gould was very pleased with her squad's effort. "We passed real well, our communication was on point. We just wanted it more," Gould said with a giddy smile.

Tavares was also enthusiastic about her team's performance. "We played very strong. I mean, five goals is a great outing." Tavares also reiterated communication as a point of strength for the game. "I'm pleased with our effort. We're starting to intertwine as a team," she stated.

WSU improved to 2-0 with the win while WNEC



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Westfield junior Jessi Gould scored three goals for the Owls in their victory over WNEC.

dropped to 0-2. Westfield is off until Saturday when they'll travel to the heart of the Commonwealth to take on rival Worcester State.

Westfield football heads to New Jersey after season opening win

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls' football team travels down to Montclair, New Jersey this week to face the Montclair State Red Hawks in a non-conference meeting. The Owls are coming off a very impressive 43-21 season-opening victory over Nichols College.

In the win over Nichols, the Owls were led by a very strong defense that forced seven turnovers (five interceptions and two forced fumbles).

The stout defensive performance was led by senior strong safety Dave Jolicoeur. Jolicoeur, who was selected as the New England Football Conference (NEFC) defensive player of the week, scored two touchdowns including an 88-yard interception return. He also had six solo tackles in the game.

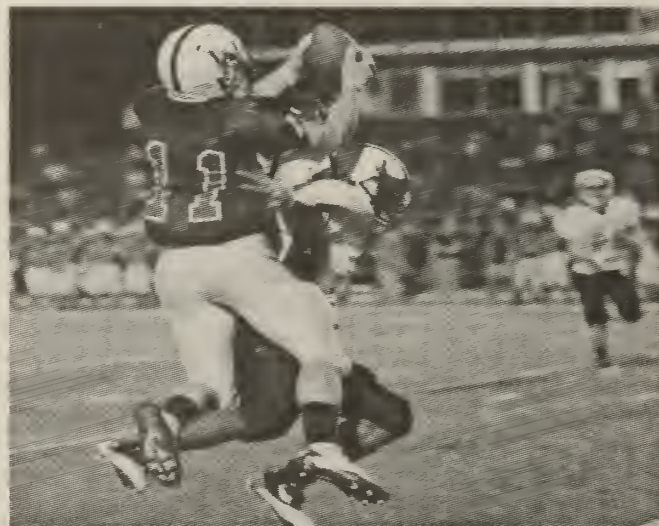


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Senior receiver Evan Berneche had five catches for 166 yards and a touchdown and also threw for a score.

Hopefully this strong defensive performance can carry over into this week's game where the Owls face a nationally ranked opponent.

The Red Hawks are coming off a 10-2 season last year and are currently ranked 23rd in the country in the Division III football poll.

Last year's squad ad-

vanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament before falling on the road to eventual national runner-up Mount Union.

Led by 2009 NJAC Coach of the Year Rick Giancola, Montclair State has produced a 191-87-2 overall record during his 27-year tenure.

This will be a very interesting test for junior QB Tyler Dow who is starting his second career game.

Last week Dow performed well and went 13-27 for 203 passing

yards and one touchdown.

Now he is going to be facing a secondary that had two all league performers last year in safety Mario McLean and cornerback Gary Knoepfel. Knoepfel led the team last year with five interceptions.

It will be important for Owls' wide receivers CJ Franklin and Evan Berneche to have big games, as well as junior running back Luke Johnson.

This will be the Red Hawks first game this season as well as the first time that these two teams have faced each other.

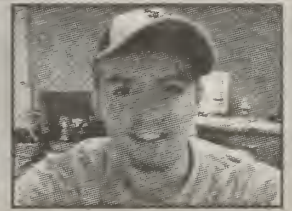
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Ramblings from the Sport's Nest

By: Rob Donoghue



I can't believe that it's September again! I had an awesome summer but I'm excited to be back at Westfield writing the weekly sports column for the campus Voice. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Robbie Donoghue and I'm a sophomore here at Westfield.

I'm the sports editor for the Westfield Voice and I'm really excited about the sports section of the paper this year.

We held our general interest meeting for the Voice earlier this evening (I'm writing this on Monday night after watching Kellen Moore lead Boise State down the field to take a huge win over Virginia Tech—more on that later) and we had a bunch of people interested in writing about sports this year.

I'm pretty pumped because last year no one was really interested in writing about sports so it was tough to cover a lot of the teams here on campus. But with a bigger staff I'm hoping that we can do some awesome things and provide much

better coverage of all the WSU sports teams so our readers can really get to know the teams and players here on campus.

Of course, we'll still be talking about professional sports as well (especially in this column) and we'll still be doing our weekly NFL picks contest. But the format of the picks contest is going to be a little bit different this year because instead of just the sports editor publishing his weekly picks, every member of the Voice sports staff will be picking the winners of the NFL games each week during the season.

To see if you can beat the Voice sports staff, just email your weekly picks for the winner of each NFL game to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com and the person with the most number of correct picks will receive a prize – it's simple!

Also, if you were unable to attend our general interest meeting and are interested in covering sports for the Voice this year, just shoot me

an email to that same address.

Now that that's all out of the way it's onto the good stuff. September has always been my favorite month of the year for one simple reason and while the Red Sox continue to slide down the A.L. East standings and out of the playoff race, I've decided to devote the rest of this column to that love and passion: football.

The football season kicked off with a bang this past weekend as college football teams played their first game of the 2010 season.

Here on campus, the WSU Owls started their season off with a big 43-21 victory over Nichols College on Friday night. Check out Tyler Morissette's article on page 8 to find out more about the win and to see a preview of this week's game vs. Montclair State.

Division I football teams across the country began their seasons on Saturday and let me tell you, there were a lot of great games to watch.

It was a real challenge

flipping between three or four different channels while trying to eat a hot dog and have a conversation with relatives I haven't seen for a while at my uncle's annual Labor Day weekend cookout – talk about a tough afternoon.

There were a ton of great games on Saturday including Notre Dame's win over Purdue and Michigan's win over UConn. Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson was unbelievable with 186 passing yards and 197 rushing yards. Talk about a hell of a day!

The two rivals will face off in South Bend this Saturday and it's going to be a great game. I'm a huge Notre Dame fan and one of the Voice's sports writers, Matt Jardin, is a big Michigan fan so we'll see who has bragging rights after they play.

I'll give Michigan some credit—they played awesome on Saturday.

And speaking of teams that played awesome this past week, how about Boise State?

The Broncos, ranked

third in the country, faced tenth ranked Virginia Tech in a "neutral" site game in Lando-ver, MD on Monday night.

Maryland is a little bit closer to Virginia than Idaho and the crowd was made up of about 90% Hokies fans. That didn't stop Boise quarterback Kellen Moore from tearing through Tech's defense en route to a last minute 33-30 win.

The game had the feel of a January bowl game despite being only the first week of the season. The Broncos showed that they have a defense to match their prolific offense and Kellen Moore showed that he's a true Heisman candidate.

I know Boise has a lot of haters, but I would love nothing more than to see the Broncos play for a national title.

I'm out of room folks but thanks for reading. The NFL kicks off this Sunday so get ready for a weekend filled with some great football. Check back next week for all my week 1 NFL thoughts.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 1 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, September 12.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups.

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Any questions? Send an email to the Sports Editor at westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Week 1 Games	Rob Donoghue Sports Editor	Peter Francis	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
New Orleans vs. Minnesota	NO	NO	NO	NO	MIN
Carolina vs. N.Y. Giants	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	CAR
Cincinnati vs. New England	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL
Denver vs. Jacksonville	JAX	DEN	DEN	DEN	JAX
Oakland vs. Tennessee	TEN	OAK	TEN	TEN	TEN
Miami vs. Buffalo	BUF	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA
Cleveland vs. Tampa Bay	TB	CLE	TB	CLE	CLE
Indianapolis vs. Houston	IND	IND	IND	HOU	IND
Detroit vs. Chicago	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI
Arizona vs. St. Louis	ARI	ARI	ARI	ARI	ARI
Green Bay vs. Philadelphia	GB	GB	PHI	GB	GB
Seattle vs. San Francisco	SF	SF	SEA	SF	SEA
Dallas vs. Washington	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL
Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets	BAL	BAL	NYJ	NYJ	BAL
San Diego vs. Kansas City	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD

Patriots begin 2010 campaign on Sunday

By Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

Alright everybody, get your freezer stalked with frozen pizzas and your fridge filled with your favorite soda—it's almost time for football. On Sunday the Patriots will kick off the 2010-2011 season at Gillette Stadium at 1:00 pm against the Cincinnati Bengals.

After a preseason in which the team went 2-2, the Pats have their roster set and are ready to take on some of the top teams in the NFL. So sit back, relax and enjoy the next 17 to 22 weeks.

Even though at this point Tom Brady hasn't signed a new deal and Logan Mankins is still holding out, I have a great feeling about our Pats.

I don't like to pick the Patriots to lose any games, but realistically, the Pats have a tough schedule and it's hard to tell how the defense will play against some of the top QBs and wide outs in the league.

I have the Patriots ending the season with an 11-5 record and winning

the AFC East. I believe that some of their tougher games will include Sunday's match up with the Bengals as wide receivers Chad Ochocinco and Terrell Owens will be catching passes from a really good quarterback in Carson Palmer and the Bengals also have a solid running game.

The game at San Diego in October will be tough as well since the Chargers are a solid team that the defense can't sleep on.

The week after that, the Vikings should prove to be a difficult team for the Patriots to beat with Brett Favre coming back (yet again).

Minnesota is hungry to repeat last year's success and wants to end the season by playing in the Super Bowl in Dallas, Texas.

The Colts... enough said. Lastly, the game in the New Meadowlands Stadium against the Jets next week will be one of the hardest matchups of the season.

The Jets have only made last year's team better and with a year under his belt, Mark

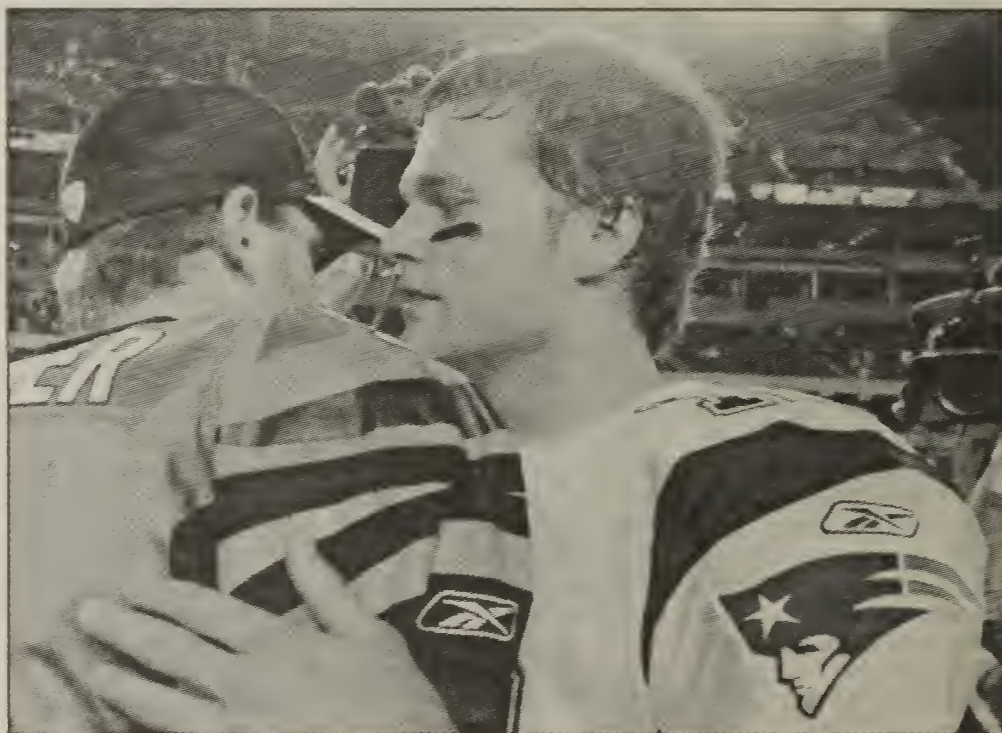


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Tom Brady and the New England Patriots will face Carson Palmer and the Cincinnati Bengals this Sunday at Gillette Stadium.

Sanchez will be looking to do even more damage this season.

So those are the games that I'm really nervous about. I would also like to mention the games against the Dolphins and the Ravens in early October.

I think we all want to forget last year's season-ending playoff loss to Baltimore.

As for Miami, it seems like the fish the Pats should squish always seem to surprise us.

Overall, this season will be great to watch and as a TV sports show just reminded me, we might not have an NFL season to watch next year. Let's enjoy it while we can. GO PATS!

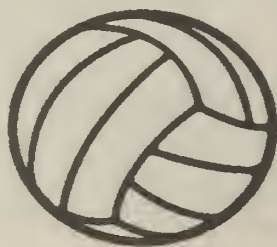
Westfield sweeps Keene State

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Westfield State's women's volleyball team swept Keene State 3-0 in an important non-conference meeting on Tuesday night.

The home victory brought the Lady Owls' record to an even 2-2.

The Owls' won the three sets by scores of 25-23, 25-19 and 25-20. The victory showed that the Owls can get major production from both upperclassman as well as freshman.



Senior captain Rachel Ryan led Westfield with 10 kills and 6 digs while junior setter and team captain Kerin DeGirolamo recorded 24 assists and 2 blocks.

The game also showcased some young, up and coming talent that the Owls

have on their roster as freshman Julia Warner (4 kills, 1 blocks, 10 digs, 4 aces) and Kayleigh Shea (8 digs) both played extremely well.

Keene State head coach Bob Weiner was impressed with Westfield's performance and was quoted as saying, "Westfield State played fantastic defense tonight and that was the difference."

The Lady Owls' next test comes up on Saturday when they partake in the WNEC Invitational in Springfield. Their first game is against WNEC at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming WSU Home Games

September 11

Men's Soccer vs. The Sage Colleges
@ 1:00 p.m.

September 15

Men's Soccer vs. Western Connecticut
@ 7:00 p.m.

September 16

Field Hockey vs. Nichols
@ 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Lasell
@ 7:00 p.m.

Support your Owls!



Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You should be in a pretty confident and optimistic frame of mind and you may even find yourself the center of attention. You'll be projecting yourself with a little more forcefulness than usual.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You should be able to have a little more complete perspective on your life than usual at this time. And spend a little time by yourself just to reflect on things a bit. It'd be a good time to organize your thoughts and ideas and get yourself ready for action.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Try to remember to give a little thought to some of your friends today. If a friend has upset you or has been distracting you from other important matters recently, just realize that they probably really do need your help.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
There should be an awful lot going on all around you today, so just be sure to organize your priorities and get ready for action. Some unexpected events are bound to be popping up this week and causing a few distractions.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
If you end up being challenged by someone today, just try to be as open-minded as possible. And remember to keep spiritual concerns in the forefront of your mind.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You may need to change some of your attitudes if you want everything to end up going smoothly this week. So be sure to remain flexible even if you find yourself having to face some rather unexpected developments.

Pisces

(February 20 – March 20)
Your most important relationships are bound to be in the spotlight today. So try to take some time to pay attention to your most intimate partnerships and don't be afraid to make whatever sacrifices seem necessary.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
All sorts of different responsibilities are bound to be piling up for you at work, and it'd be a good time to try to bring a fresh approach to things on the job front.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Romantic matters and relationships with children should both be in the spotlight for you. It should be a good time for you to have a little fun.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
There should be quite a few issues involving your home or family that will be requiring your most of your time and attention. Don't be surprised if the needs of a family member end up drawing your attention away from other important matters.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You should expect to be hearing from quite a few friends and relatives this week. Just remember that good communication will be very important.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You're bound to be feeling a little concerned with some financial issues this week. And if you've been thinking that you really need to start making a little more money for yourself, an unexpected development involving your finances could end up surprising you.

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Views differ on college's change to university

By Abi Geraghty
Voice Reporter

What is the difference between Westfield as a university and Westfield State College?

According to dictionary.com, college is an institution of higher learning that grants the bachelor's degree in liberal arts or science or both.

A university, on the other hand, is an institution for higher learning with teaching and research facilities constituting graduate schools and professional schools that award master's degrees and doctorates.

A university also has an undergraduate division that awards bachelor's degrees.

So what makes Westfield State University different from last year's Westfield State College?

Although not many physical changes have been implemented since last year, the amount of students accepted into the university has increased, new majors have been added, and even some new classes.

A majority of the students on campus all agreed that nothing has really changed except the name.

One student said, "Our standards and benefits have always been that of a university so there are not a lot of visible changes."

"The name change was merely to start calling ourselves what we really are."

Other students said that the changes they noticed the most were the new downtown apartments, more highly skilled teachers applying for faculty positions, and the student population increase.

The most popular answer among students was that the school is now more globally known.

The Dean of Students, Susan LaMontagne, who has been working at Westfield State for 23 years, said, "The difference right now is in the name and in the more global common recognition of the word 'university.'"

"It is also in recognition of what we already do well, which is offer a comprehensive quality of programs to students."

"No specific new initiatives have been started as a result of becoming a university, but it is a nice recognition of what we already have in place."

However, this positive outlook on the change is not shared campus-wide.

One professor said, "there



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President Dobelle stands proudly in front of our school whose name recently changed to Westfield State University.

are no increased benefits or higher standards once our name is changed. Westfield State is, and has always been, a college. Changing the name will not change what we are – primarily a teaching institution.

"Our neighbors at Mount Holyoke College, Williams College, Amherst College, etc., will NEVER change their names. They do significantly more research

at these places than we do, but they are proud to be known as Colleges – primarily undergraduate institutions where teaching and learning are fundamental to their existence. We should be too."

What are your thoughts concerning Westfield's name change? Send a Letter to the Editor to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu to voice your opinion.

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Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Sept. 18

1:00p.m. - Filed Hockey vs. Salem State

Alumni Field

3:00 p.m. - Concert:

Boston based bands
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8:00p.m. - Hypnotist Kevin Hurley
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, Sept. 19

Early a.m. - DGCE at The Autism Speaks Walk
Stanley Park

Monday, Sept. 20

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Sweeney Todd auditions
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National Suicide Prevention Week

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

Did you know that the eleventh leading cause of death in America is suicide? It is estimated that for every one-suicide death, there are twenty-five attempts.

It is also shown that there is one suicide every 15.2 minutes, which means that there are almost 35,000 deaths resulting from suicide each year.

The American Association of Sociology, or AAS, released those, and other alarming suicide statistics on their website as part of their effort to educate others about suicide.

Due to the staggering number of individuals who are affected by suicide each year, organizations around the globe have created National Suicide Prevention Week.

Thanks to the unrelenting efforts of those organizations involved with NSPW they were able to celebrate their 36th anniversary this year.

There are many underlying goals of NSPW, one of which is to inform the public about the somber suicide statistics.

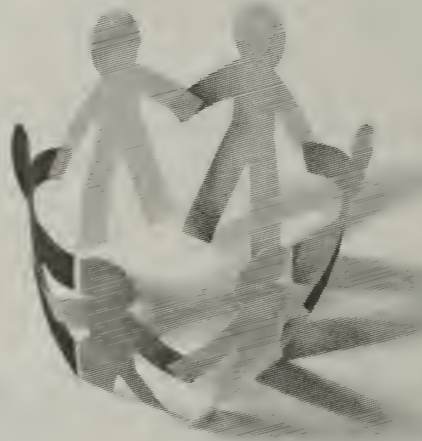


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People are uniting to decrease the suicide rate nationwide.

Other goals are to make clear of the warning signs and to foster an understanding of how and why people cope with the aftermath of a suicide.

The International Association of Suicide Prevention also wishes to "provide an international body of experts that can provide authoritative comment on issues regarding suicide."

In other words, they also wish to establish a network of useful information for those effected by or curious about suicide.

During the 36th annual NSPW, many associations hosted events with those main goals in mind.

One example is the candle light ceremony held on Friday September 10, 2010 that was put on by the Survivors of Suicide Inc.

Another group, the Kansas Suicide Prevention Committee, paid tribute by holding their third annual "Life Support Ride," a motorcycle run whose proceeds are awarded to Headquarters Counseling Center, the only support group in Kansas af-

filiated with two national suicide prevention hotlines.

The State of Michigan took part in this year's NSPW by honoring those suicide victims with the "End the Silence Walk" to benefit the Delta County Suicide Prevention Task Force.

There are always opportunities to become involved in this commendable movement, much like South Hadley is planing to.

The town is hosting a suicide prevention workshop later this month in honor of Phoebe Prince, a student who committed suicide earlier this year.

AAS hosts three annual conferences on the subject of suicide prevention.

If you would like more information about suicide, or to volunteer, contact any of the above mentioned organizations at their respective websites.

If you or someone you know has or is contemplating suicide, you are urged to contact a local support group. The following numbers are also those of national hotlines where you may speak to a trained hotline assistant:

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

With partisan politics dividing the nation and the Tea Party continuing to expand its faction, the atmosphere is ripe for tempers to flare. The American people have split over different issues that have been brought to the center of political debates.

Some of these issues, such as the economic woes of the United States, are not nearly as charged as the one about immigration.

Last April, Arizona's government passed a law that cracked down on illegal immigration, which stirred up a controversy about border control.

The real "problem" of immigration is not

the immigrants themselves, but rather the attitudes of Americans towards immigrants. The claims that immigrants "take jobs" or are "lazy" or "only live off of welfare" are ignorant.

Immigrants oftentimes work at jobs that other Americans look down upon, and they work hard to provide for their families.

Essentially, all Americans have ancestors who were immigrants. When Europeans first came to this country, which was not even a country at the time, no rules forced them out.

They were not required to obtain green cards and faced no danger of deportation. They settled and created new lives here.

Immigrants of today are trying to create new

lives here, too. However, they face intense criticism because of xenophobia and ignorance. Americans tend to express concern over "illegal immigration" but in this emotionally charged debate, fear of anything new or different is the driving force.

The calls for the U.S. to "close our borders" and push out immigrants only show the poor attitudes of Americans. Many Americans have an inability to even try to understand the perspectives of others.

So what is the solution to this xenophobic view? An attitude adjust-

ment, first of all. Adults need to make conscious choices to open their minds and keep their judgments at bay. Educators and professors at the college level should encourage students to take courses in multicultural studies and should emphasize multiculturalism, bilingualism, and acceptance of all.

Will this happen overnight? Certainly not. But changing just one attitude can have a huge impact on others. When people, especially young people, think and react in a positive and logical manner, they inspire others to do the same.

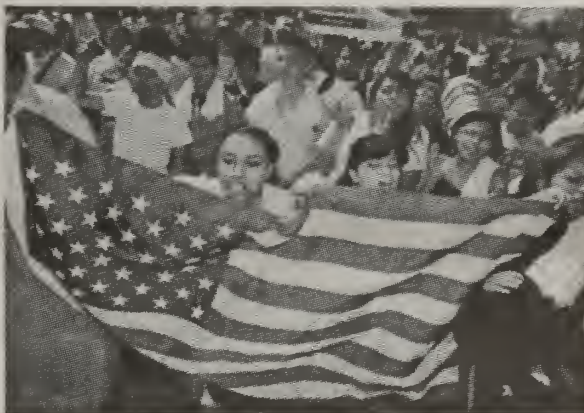


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Hundreds of United States citizens hold up American flags during an anti-immigration protest.

But the media has conveniently reported the law as allowing police to perform legal racial profiling by targeting anyone who looks of Hispanic heritage.

This is what eventually enraged millions of protesters, gathering en masse at locations nationally to protest this "in-humane treatment".

At many of these gatherings, protesters blocked traffic and wore t-shirts that read, "Don't Deport our Families." Well, newsflash. The families would not be deported if the heads of these

families had been responsible, did things through proper channels, and obeyed the law.

Unbelievably, the federal government has recently interceded and strictly altered the anti-immigration law, essentially taking any effectiveness out of it. Arpaio said it best when he said, "Illegal immigration is against the law...what part of illegal do these people not understand?"

It's sad to say, but this era we're living in is not the idyllic "peace, love and incense" era of our parents and grandparents.

Student of the Week



Ashley Eaton
Geography and RP
Sophomore

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?

Lady Gaga, because she is fabulous and not afraid to be herself.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?

Carrie Underwood, Something Corporate, and Lady Gaga

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?

The people.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?

I don't have a clue yet. I'm working on it!

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

I am an RA, Orientation Leader and Academic Peer Advisor. I'm also in the Pep! Band.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Recently, the news out of Arizona has been dedicated to anti-immigration law protests due to Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and Arizona's controversial SB 1070 anti-illegal immigrant act.

After becoming sheriff in 1992, Arpaio has become notorious for several unique programs he instituted in his jail system. Among the more well-known are the prison chain-gangs he created, both male and female.

Then there is the popular tent city, where many prisoners are housed in tents on the prison property, in order to reduce crowding in the jail cells. In response

to the inevitable cries of excessive punishment and cruelty, he responded by saying, "This is not the Ritz-Carlton. If you don't like the conditions here, then I suggest you don't come back!" Very simple; don't do the crime, if you can't do the time.

Most recently, however, Arpaio and the State of Arizona have been vilified in the press over the state's tough new immigration law.

Liberal protestors have been howling over the supposed unfairness of the law, which, for one, allows police to see proof of citizenship of anyone in lawful contact with a police officer, after which would be followed by deportation if found guilty of illegal immigration. Doesn't sound too unfair, right?

All you need is one true friend

By Jessica Valli
Voice Reporter

Sa wat dii
pheuan Kha (Hello
friend).

Starting college
or coming back can be
like learning a different
language: confusing,
overwhelming, dif-
ficult, and even agitat-
ing.

At times you
can even be afraid.

Not only do
you have to adjust to
a different schedule,
living arrangements,
and workload, but there
are also new people to
meet.

Everyone has
heard the stories about
the bad roommate.

I myself have
had a few of them, one
who was overly par-
ticular about the dishes.

Those room-
mates have come and

gone, leaving valu-
able knowledge even
though the experience
at times was less than
enjoyable.

It is easy to
allow a few negative
experiences to over-
shadow the good ones,
but one should not
dwell on them.

I have had the
pleasure of knowing
many good people who
have shown me kind-
ness, generosity, and
most importantly, love.

Here at West-
field you learn to love
the people you meet.

These are the
people who will help
you find a class when
you have been look-
ing for over a half an
hour. People who will
show you how to use
PowerPoint and not get
frustrated after show-
ing you how to do it
after the fourth time.

Also, they are
the roommates who
will be so kind as
to run over in a rain
shower to give you a
forgotten umbrella.

It is those
things that I will
remember when I feel
like breaking down in
front of my computer
after losing half of
my paper that is due
tomorrow.

It is those
things that I hope every
student will take with
them when they leave
college.

So remember
when your roommate
is bothering you about
dirty dishes in the
sink, or when there is
a five-page paper due
the next day, that there
will always be one kind
soul who will hold an
umbrella for you.

Phop gan mai
(See you later).

Editor's Desk



So, I'm freaking out. Tomorrow the Gover-
nor is coming to Westfield State for Senior
Convocation and they have asked Alex and I
to interview him for a story for the Voice!
Oh my gosh!

I get to interview the Governor of Massa-
chusetts?!

I'm freaking out.

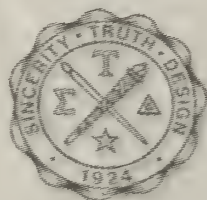
I went to the mall this weekend to buy a
dress because I didn't think it'd be appropri-
ate to wear sweatpants to meet Deval Pat-
rick, and Alex and I have already typed up
the questions we're going to ask him.

All that's left is to not stutter or embarrass
myself in front of him and then it's mission
accomplished!

Wish us luck! I may need it...!

Samantha Fahey
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Sigma Tau Delta Meeting



When: Tuesday, September 21, 6pm

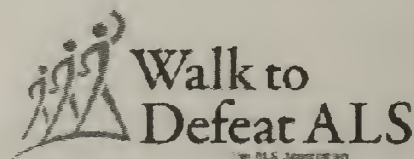
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Springfield Walk

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Walk Check-in: 9 a.m.

Walk Starts: 10 a.m.

Location: Forest Park

Distance: 3 miles

Fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease

Small film makes big splash



By Wilson Belbin
Voice Reporter

Photo courtesy of filmschoolrejects.com

The Kids Are Alright is a movie centered around a lesbian couple and their two children. When the children find out who their sperm donor is, things start to go crazy

At its surface, *The Kids Are Alright* seems like a bad idea for another Romantic Comedy, but in reality it's an honest look at a modern-day American Family.

What is so great about the film is it does not treat the couple as something special.

The movie makes no stance on Proposition 8 or gay couples; it simply treats them as a

normal couple, something very rare in any film.

The script is genius, the comedic flare added around the drama quickly takes the film away from sitcom territory, but the careful balance that it creates makes you feel that you are just watching a normal family.

Lisa Chokonedo brilliantly directs the film with ease and at an overall comfortable tone. Every dramatic and comedic beat is hit right on the nose.

This is a film balanced on the shoulders of its actors, and I must say these were the three best performances I have seen in the last few years.

The very confident

and ever-so-sharp Annette Benning's character handles many of the dramatic scenes toward the end of the film brilliantly.

Julianne Moore plays a relaxed, chilled-out mom, who is very fun and comical to watch

Mark Ruffalo is the highlight of the cast, playing the cool laidback sperm donor so naturally. It is stunning and is the best performance from a male yet this year.

The Kids Are Alright is my favorite film of the year so far. It hits all the marks: brilliant acting, confident direction, easygoing bright visuals, and a stunning script.

Grade: A+

Editor's Desk



So... it's 5:45p.m. on a Wednesday night and Samantha and I are literally almost done with this paper. A few more pages and we're out of here. This NEVER happens! It's exciting!

What's also exciting is that tomorrow we both get to interview Governor Patrick.

Yes, I said interview the governor.

What on earth do you say to the governor!?

"Hi, welcome to Westfield State University" just doesn't seem to cut it in my eyes. But, hey, we'll figure it out soon enough... like tomorrow.

Anyways, let me go back to finishing this paper! I will update on how our interview goes in next week's issue! Keep reading! :)

Alex Myers

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Resident Evil: Video game turned movie meets expectations

By Matthew Jordin
Voice Reporter

Resident Evil: Afterlife is the fourth installment of the *Resident Evil* movie franchise.

There was comedy, action, and all the good stuff that makes a film entertaining.

The premises is that Alice, played by

Milla Jovovich attempts to take down the head of the Umbrella corporation, and simultaneously looks for her friends that went to Alaska where there was no infection, to find safety and security.

The story was solid, and the action was even better.

There's nothing better in a film than

badass weapons, pretty ladies, and zombies. This movie has it all.

Jovovich and Ali Larter make a great duo that take down the zombies that the T-virus creates.

One of my favorite aspects of the film is Alice's weapon selection.

She goes from Point A to Point B equipped with two Ranger shot guns,

a sword, and two pistols.

A lot of the original scenarios from the video game were incorporated into the film.

With all the action in this film and the fact that it is the fourth movie, it made the ending, the only disappointment of the movie, kind of dull.

The director leaves the ending open

for a fifth movie, even though it could have ended nice and peacefully.

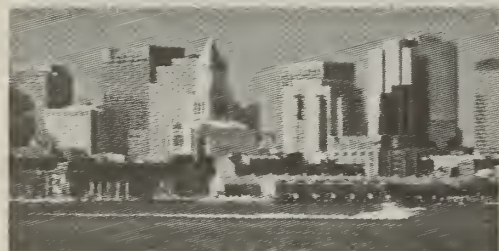
I guess they want the quantity of films to match that of the *Resident Evil* game series.

In conclusion, go see *Resident Evil: Afterlife*. You will see some awesome action, shots, and Jovovich and Larter aren't too hard on the eyes either.

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Boston MA. Founded – Event Sept 17, 1630



Boston is one of the oldest cities in the United States and is the twentieth largest population-wise in the country. Commonly confused with the Pilgrims, who founded Plymouth Colony ten

years earlier, it was actually the Puritan colonists from England who founded Boston. During the end 1700s, the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, and battles like the Battle

of Lexington and Concord and the Battle of Bunker Hill all took place in or around the city. In 1822 the citizens of Boston voted to change the name from "The Town" to "The City of Boston," because it had tripled in land size over the years. Now Boston is commonly known as the home of the Red Sox and the Celtics but it's early history will always be remembered.

Jimmy Fallon – Born Sept 19, 1974



Fallon was born in Brooklyn, New York but has been quoted as saying he wishes he were born in Boston, MA. He gives credit to

"troll dolls" as being his big break. When Fallon graduated from college he was given a troll doll with his graduation cap and used it to create a comedy-commercial for the dolls. He joined the cast of Saturday Night Live in 1998 and left in 2004 to pursue a film career. His most famous movies are Taxi (2003) in which he started opposite Queen Latifah and Fever Pitch (2004) as Drew Barrymore's

love interest. Currently, he has a comedy-talk show on NBC called "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon." Taking the spot from former talk show host Conan O'Brien, the first episode aired March 2, 2009. This program airs weeknights at 12:35 Eastern Time. Executive producer Lorne Michaels says, "Jimmy's built for this kind of show. And he knows music, movies and TV really well."

World of Jenks goes against the norm of MTV

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Whenever someone turns on their television and switches on to MTV, they are normally greeted with lewd behavior, partying, fighting, and nonsense. But in a way, that is what we as a society love to see.

Then occasionally there will be a show that goes against the norm, highlights real people, and looks into the human spirit.

A new show that is able to accomplish all of these things is the brand new show "World of Jenks".

The premise of the show is that 24-year-old filmmaker Andrew Jenks lives with someone and tells his or her story to the world.

Whether it is a rapper, a homeless girl, an ul-

timate fighter or an autistic young man, Jenks is able to connect young people to the world around them.

This show is a great way to introduce documentaries to audiences who haven't yet lost all of their child-like nature and aren't yet ready to handle the harder realities of the world.

Jenks, who is an accomplished filmmaker, has made documentaries such as "Room 335" a story that details his adventures as he spends a month living in an assisted-living home. That successful documentary aired on HBO.

In addition, he directed "The Zen of Bobby V" which debuted on ESPN and followed manager Bobby Valentine as he managed baseball in Japan.

In one episode, Jenks detailed the life of a homeless woman, named Heavy D.

In an interview with the New York Daily News, he talks a little about the impact of meeting this woman.

"I just try to tell an honest story of who they are," he says. "It's pretty much that simple. In terms of Heavy D, it was probably one of the weirdest feelings.

"I say goodbye to her, walk to our production truck, go back to a hotel, and then fly home. You know that 12 hours ago you were homeless with that girl.

"You know she's still homeless. In that sense, you don't want to feel like you're letting them down. It's not like I come in, film your life, share it with na-

tional TV and forget them."

So because of the way that Andrew Jenks makes viewers think about the realities that people face every day is what makes this show a must watch.

For MTV to high-

light a documentary series such as this one makes their network much more credible to audiences of all ages.

If you would like to watch "World of Jenks", you can watch it on Mondays at 10 p.m. on MTV.

Speaker Series Dates

Timothy Black

When Heart Turns Rock Solid

Monday, October 4, 2010

7:00 pm

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Josephine Dickinson

The Silence of the Lambs

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Scanlon Living Room

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Bruno Mars - Just the Way You Are
2. Usher ft. Pitbull - DJ Got Us Fallin' in Love
3. Florence & The Machine - Dog Days are Over
4. Rihanna - Only Girl (in the World)
5. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
6. Nelly - Just a Dream
7. Flo Rida ft. David Guetta - Club Can't Handle Me
8. Eminem ft. Rihanna - Love the Way You Lie
9. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
10. Enrique Iglesias ft. Pitbull - I Like It

Top Movies

1. The Killers
2. Letters to Juliet
3. MacGruber
4. Just Wright
5. The Back-Up Plan

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Watchmen
2. The Karate Kid
3. Sex & the City
4. Jonah Hex
5. A Nightmare on Elm Street

Top 5 Albums

1. Linkin Park - A Thousand Suns
2. Trey Songz - Passion, Pain, & Pleasure
3. Jamey Johnson - The Guitar Song
4. Sara Bareilles - Kaleidoscope Heart
5. Florence & The Machine - Lungs

Sara Bareilles: Kaleidoscope Heart Review

By Lewis Pacecho
Voice Reporter

Sara Bareilles has heartbreak on the mind. How do I know this? Well, for one thing, she sure isn't writing love songs because anyone asked for them.

No, instead she's been falling out of love, turning introspective, and becoming a self-reliant woman. She does this all with some fantastic melodies.

Bareilles begins her sophomore record with a Joni Mitchell-esque acapella intro which shares the album's title: *Kaleidoscope Heart*.

This brief track is only thirty seconds, but her poetic lyrics, example: "All the colors of the rainbow, hidden 'neath my skin, hearts have colors don't we all know," set the tone for the rest of the album. She sings stunningly about inspiration, finding the ability to stand on her own two feet.

Sonically, the album is a mix between her rockers (a la "Love Song") and ballads. Both are about above subject matter. Both of course owe various debts to her adult pop/rock and Americana forbears of the last forty years; Laura Nyro,



photo courtesy of buzztab.com

Carole King, Paul McCartney, and Paula Cole. Both rockers and ballads are really well performed and written.

On the rockers, including first and current single "King of Anything", her sound is huge. While Bareilles lashes out at another overly controlling lover, eighth-note piano riffs lay the foundation for horns, sugar-sweet strings, and her own incredibly strong vocals to simply bounce around the track.

As a matter of fact, almost all these songs have some sort of orchestral addition. Some of these pro-

ductions (courtesy of Neil Avron), including "King of Anything" with its "oh-oh-oh" backing vocals, almost sound like they belong on *Glee*, and yet, it's ok. Since Bareilles' melodies are so strong and memorable, they aren't overshadowed by and are even strengthened by such bombastic arrangements. Plus, they really do feel sincere instead of overworked.

She also finds musical variety in these songs. "Gonna Get Over You" uses a piano riff and progression reminiscent of early 2000's. "Say You're Sor-

ry" has a positively bouncy groove, and "Basket Case", with its harmonica and guitars, could've easily been a 90's Neil Young or Mark Erelli ballad.

Her soul-searching reaches its climax on the album's last two tracks and two loveliest ballads, "Breathe Again" and "Bluebird".

In the former, over stark piano chords and a martial drumbeat reminiscent of Radiohead's "Videotape", she not only admits her needs and tendency towards dependency but empowers herself, vowing to pick herself up and "Breathe Again" while pushing strong her vocals to the limit. You can hear her whole body almost give out on the line "still I'm searching".

On the latter, she compares herself to a bird ready to fly on its own, realizing that while being on her own and finding herself can hurt, it will help her build something beautiful with a future lover - something as beautiful as the haunting melody and performance she gives the tune.

Or maybe she's singing about her future music? If so, then I say her fears of inadequacy are unfounded.

Rating: 5/5

If you're interested:

9/17/10, Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Congregation Ahavas Achim Yom Kippur Services, Interfaith Center

9/18/10, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur Morning Services, Interfaith Center

9/18/10, Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur Family Service, Interfaith Center

9/18/10, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur Closing Service, Interfaith Center

9/18/10, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

Break-The-Fast Potluck Dinner, 2nd Congregational Church, adj. to WSU

9/24/10, Friday, 5:00 p.m.

Sukkot Celebration, behind Interfaith Center

Westfield heads to WNEC after loss to Montclair

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

In a game where the Westfield State Owls were not seen as a real threat, they proved otherwise. Though the final score read 34-0 in favor of the Montclair State Red Hawks, the game was actually much closer.

Going up against a team that was ranked 23rd in the country in the Division III national poll, the Owls (1-1) played a passionate style of defense and only trailed by six points at halftime.

Unfortunately, Westfield's offense could not capitalize on the many opportunities that their defense and Montclair gave them.

The Owls only accumulated 103 yards of total offense in the game and were unable to get anything going in the running or passing

game. Facing a defense that was coming off a great 2009 season, the Owls only real scoring opportunity came near the end of the game where they were within eight yards of the end zone.

Backup quarterback Dylan Smith (2-4 for 28 yards) led the Owls 64 yards down field to the MSU eight yard line with under a minute remaining in the game.

But Montclair defensive back Matt Mancino picked off a pass in the end zone to end the threat with 22 seconds left in the game.

WSU linebacker Justin Ehrhardt had a game-high 13 tackles and had a 15-yard interception return in the game to lead the Owls' defense.

The Red Hawks ran for 251 yards, including 174 from running back Chris D'Andrea, against a Westfield defensive line

that was much smaller than Montclair's offensive line.

The Red Hawks broke the game open near the end of the third quarter when they scored on a 45-yard pass from quarterback Tom Fischer to D'Andrea to bring the score to 13-0. Montclair never looked back after that.

Though this was a tough loss for the Owls to take, it hopefully will raise their confidence knowing that they played nose to nose football for three quarters against a nationally ranked team.

The Owls will now head to Springfield and face Western New England College tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

The Western New England Golden Bears (1-1) are coming off an impressive 30-6 victory over Mass Maritime last Saturday.

In that game, WNEC ran for 409

yards behind junior running back J.J. Jachym's career high 177 yards. Also helping the Golden Bears in the win was quarterback Bryce Brown, who ran for 100 yards of his own.

In order for Westfield to win this game, it will be important for the Owls' defense to shut down the Golden Bears' powerful running game.

In the Golden Bears' first game of the season against Norwich College, the Bears only accounted for 59 yards rushing in a 35-7 loss.

Westfield will need to force WNEC into similar rushing numbers to get the win.

After giving up 251 yards on the ground last week, it will be vital for the Owls' front-seven to clog up the holes of the WNEC rushing attack.



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Justin Ehrhardt had a game-high 13 tackles and an interception.

It will also be crucial for Westfield quarterback Tyler Dow to get back into a good rhythm in the passing game in order to set up the run for running back Luke Johnson.

Both teams will be looking for their second win of the season when they face off tomorrow afternoon.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 1 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, September 12.

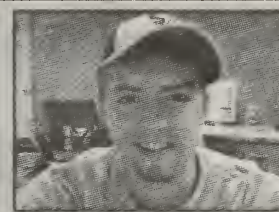
It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups.

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 2 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
Tampa Bay vs. Carolina	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR
Kansas City vs. Cleveland	KC	KC	KC	CLE	CLE
Chicago vs. Dallas	DAL	CHI	DAL	DAL	DAL
Philadelphia vs. Detroit	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI
Arizona vs. Atlanta	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL
Pittsburgh vs. Tennessee	TEN	PIT	TEN	TEN	TEN
Buffalo vs. Green Bay	GB	GB	GB	GB	GB
Miami vs. Minnesota	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
Baltimore vs. Cincinnati	BAL	BAL	CIN	BAL	CIN
Seattle vs. Denver	DEN	SEA	DEN	SEA	DEN
St. Louis vs. Oakland	OAK	OAK	STL	STL	STL
Houston vs. Washington	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU
New England vs. N.Y. Jets	NE	NYJ	NE	NE	NE
Jacksonville vs. San Diego	SD	JAC	JAC	SD	SD
N.Y. Giants vs. Indianapolis	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
New Orleans vs. San Francisco	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Season Record	10-6	-	9-7	9-7	9-7

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



Week one of the NFL... thank the Lord!

What a great feeling it was to wake up Sunday morning knowing that I had a whole day of football ahead of me.

Life is just so much more exciting during football season.

Before I get to some of my thoughts from the opening weekend of the NFL, I should start by mentioning the most exciting player I saw this past weekend, and he wasn't even playing on Sunday: Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson.

I mentioned Robinson in my column last week after the terrific all around game he had to lead Michigan to a big home win over UConn.

But Robinson's record breaking performance against Notre Dame in South Bend last Saturday is the type of stuff that turns a budding star into a Heisman candidate.

The sophomore quarterback rushed for 258 yards and 2 touchdowns on 28 carries and also threw for 244 yards and a touchdown.

For all you non-math majors out there, that's a total of 502 yards of offense. Are you kidding me?

Robinson broke the Michigan record for total yards by a quarterback in a single game and broke the hearts of Irish fans everywhere (including myself) in the process.

It looked like luck was on Notre Dame's side when quarterback Dayne Crist hit tight end Kevin Rudolph for a 95-yard touchdown pass to give the Irish a 24-21 lead with just under four minutes left in the game.

But Robinson led Michigan to a score with a minute left and luck ran out for the Irish when Crist's last second pass attempt to give Notre Dame a miraculous win fell harmlessly incomplete.

Now I could be bitter about the fact that Crist missed almost the entire first half with a head injury and Notre Dame's offense couldn't do anything without him. Or I could blame coach Brian Kelly for choosing to go for a touchdown at the end of the first half rather than taking a chip shot field goal.

But I can't be bitter after watching that game. It was just too good of a football game to be upset. Two rivals played their hearts out on Saturday – the team with the brightest star won.

The Big Ten better watch out for Robinson – it's performances like this that make opposing coaches go nuts and Heisman voters salivate.

Enough college talk, let's move on to the biggest opening weekend of all sports. And after a disappointing opening game between the Saints and Vikings (23 combined total points... I thought the Saints scored

that many points in a half?) on Thursday night, the Patriots' performance against the Bengals on Sunday couldn't have been any better.

I thought I was watching the 2007 Patriots (minus the Super Bowl that shall never be mentioned).

The defense that came in with all sorts of question marks utterly confused Carson Palmer throughout the entire first half.

The Pats' defensive front seven got more pressure on Palmer than I remember in any game last season. Jerrod Mayo and Brandon Spikes looked great in the middle and reserve linebacker Gary Guyton came up with a terrific interception.

Rookie Devin McCourty showed some serious potential in his first NFL game. Heck, the entire defense looked faster than I can ever remember.

I know they gave up

21 points in the second half, but by that point in the game they had a 28 point lead and had dropped back into a vanilla-defense with extra corners and no pass rush.

On offense, Tom Brady looked like the record breaking Tom Brady of old. And boy was he fired up.

Fred Taylor didn't look close to his 34 year old age and the Pats' young tight ends look ready to make a difference.

I know, I know. It's only one game. It's a long season and New England has a tough schedule. But how can I not be excited after watching a dominating week one performance?

I'm pumped for this week's game in New York. It will be a nice test for the Pats' offense to face a top defense this early in the season.

If I was Tom Brady, I'd throw to whoever Antonio Cromartie is

covering after he was beat countless times by Derrick Mason and racked up four penalties in the Jets' opening loss. I know he had an interception, but outside of that one play he was terrible.

Speaking of terrible, how bad did Mark Sanchez look on Monday night? Who would have guessed that LaDainian Tomlinson would be their best offensive weapon?

It was pretty sweet watching the Jets self destruct without any winning adjustments made by the self-proclaimed mastermind Rex Ryan... it should be a fun week of practice in New York.

Well I'm out of room for this week but thanks for reading folks. Email me at westfieldvoic.esports@yahoo.com with any questions or comments. Have a great week and enjoy the Patriots game on Sunday.



Upcoming WSU Home Games



September 18

Field Hockey vs. Salem State
@ 1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Bridgewater State
@ 4:00 p.m.

September 21

Men's Soccer vs. Elm's College
@ 7:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Salem State
@ 7:00 p.m.

September 23

Field Hockey vs. Elms @ 7:00 p.m.

Support your Owls!



Vamos Rafael: Nadal wins 2010 U.S. Open title

By Cody Goldman
Voice Reporter

On Monday, Rafael Nadal made history in the world of tennis. He became only the sixth ever player to achieve the career grand slam.

He achieved the grand slam by winning his first career U.S. Open title on Monday defeating Serbian Novak Djokovic 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Nadal had played in the world's largest tennis stadium numerous times before this victory but had never left with the prize that he had always hoped to have, the championship trophy.

Prior to this year's tournament, Nadal had played in the U.S. Open seven times with his best result being an appearance

in the semifinals. Not only was this his first career victory in the U.S. Open, but it was also his first ever finals appearance in historic Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Although Djokovic played some of the best tennis of his life in this match, his five set win against Roger Federer on Saturday definitely took its toll in this match against Nadal.

Even with a day delay due to weather conditions, Djokovic could not physically stay with Nadal's style of play for an entire match.

Although Djokovic lost, his world ranking went up from number three to number two in the world. Djokovic is young and has many more tournaments ahead of him – this will not be the last time that he makes a major final.

For Nadal, the de-



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Rafael Nadal celebrates his 2010 U.S. Open victory.

bate is going to begin on whether or not he is now better than Roger Federer since they both have com-

pleted the career grand slam.

Nadal said after the match, "I think the talk about if I am better or worse than

Roger is stupid, because the titles say he's much better than me, so that's true at that moment. I think that will be true all my life."

Although Nadal says that Federer will always be better than him time is on Nadal's side.

He is only 24 compared to Federer's 29 and he is only seven titles behind Federer's 16.

If he manages just to win two major titles a year for the next for years (which is very likely) he will have surpassed Federer's record.

So let the debate begin – with Nadal finally proving he can win on all surfaces is he right now a better player than Federer? Or will Nadal surpass Federer later in his career?

Or will Federer always be a better player than Rafa?

Race for the Heisman trophy is heating up

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

Two weeks into the college football season and it's still unclear as to who the front runner is to win the 2010 Heisman Trophy.

So far this season there have been many players who are making a strong case to win the coveted trophy handed out in December.

This past weekend a hand full of players catapulted themselves into the Heisman discussions with key performances. With last season's Heisman winner, Alabama running back Mark Ingram, be-

ing injured for the first two games of the season, the trophy is anyone's to take.

The sensational sophomore quarterback out of Michigan, Denard Robinson, did it all in the Wolverine's 28-24 win over Notre Dame on the road.

Robinson rushed and passed for over 500 total yards against new Irish head coach Brian Kelly's defense in South Bend.

Robinson broke the Big Ten single game rushing record for a quarterback by gaining 258 yards on the ground.

Quarterback Ryan Mallet from Arkansas took

advantage of the wide open Heisman field and gained some ground in the race by passing all over the Louisiana-Monroe defense.

Mallet racked up 400 yards in the air and threw three touchdown passes as the Razorbacks steamed rolled the Warhawks in Fayetteville.

The favorite to win the hardware this winter is Ohio States quarterback Terrelle Pryor. Pryor, who is a third year starter, is expected to have a huge season as the Buckeyes look to be right in the hunt for the national title.

Pryor had a strong performance on Saturday

as the number 12 ranked Miami Hurricanes came into Columbus to try and upset the high powered attack of Ohio State.

Pryor didn't let the situation get the best of him as he passed for 233 yards and rushed for another 113 against an athletic Miami defense that was coming off a shutout in week one.

The rest of Ohio State's schedule sets up nicely for Pryor to put up Heisman worthy numbers.

The final player that made noise this past weekend was Oklahoma's quarterback Landry Jones. Jones is following in the foot-

steps of Heisman winning quarterback Sam Bradford.

With Bradford entering the NFL, Jones gets his chance this year to prove himself as the next Sooner great.

Jones hasn't let down Sooner nation yet as he has put up impressive numbers that make him qualified for the Heisman discussions.

Jones faced the number 17 ranked Florida State Seminoles last Saturday and continued his hot streak by completing 30 of his 40 attempted passes for 380 yards and four touchdowns in a big win over an experienced Florida State defense.

Virgo
(Aug. 24 – Sept. 22)
You’re bound to want to focus on your own personal needs and desires this week. Your family will want to place some other demands on you, though.

Libra
(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)
There will be plenty of responsibilities and obligations that you’ll be expected to deal with at work, and this ought to be keeping you pretty busy today. You’ll be feeling a little opinionated at the moment.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)
You’re bound to be feeling a bit sociable. And you could end up wasting a little money on friends or loved ones or on just having a good time if you’re not careful. You’ll also be feeling somewhat possessive where romantic interests are concerned.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)
Your energy is bound to be a little low and you’ll find it difficult to be as productive as you’d like. If you end up feeling a little moody or insecure, this could trip you up a bit as well.

Capricorn
(Dec. 21 – Jan. 20)
Even if you don’t really feel up to it, you’ll end up being pretty busy at the moment. You’re bound to want to share all your thoughts and feelings with everyone you meet. But if you’re not really communicating all that clearly, some people will end up getting the wrong idea.

Aquarius
(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)
There are bound to be some conflicts with a few of your friends at some point this week.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
If you’re not prepared to do what’s expected of you, this could end up being a rather difficult week for you.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You’d love to be out enjoying yourself at the moment, but it’s time to settle down and start taking care of business.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You’re bound to be encountering a few conflicts with someone close to you where the subject of money is concerned.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
If you’re feeling a little moody at the moment, it’s bound to lead to some communication problems for you and your partner.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Don’t be surprised if you feel like saying whatever’s on your mind at the moment. But not everyone will appreciate everything you have to say.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
If you’ve been enjoying yourself a bit too much over the past few days, it’ll be time to start getting serious again today.

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DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

COSTA RICA

- BIOL 102: Environmental Biology (4 credits)
Participation in this course satisfies a Laboratory Science Core Requirement. Freshmen are eligible to apply. Students may also take this course as

- BIOL 287 Special Topics in Biology: Costa Rica (3 credits)
Students will visit environments throughout Costa Rica, including wet and dry tropical forests, cloud forests, rivers, and marine ecosystems.

GHANA

- EGST 0230: Introduction to Ghanaian Arts and Culture (3 credits)
Freshmen are eligible to apply
This course studies the film, music, and literature of Ghana using a multidisciplinary approach. It assumes that the best way to illuminate a living culture is to actively engage its imaginative and creative thinkers in direct dialogue.

NICARAGUA

- ENGL 0340: Travel Writing: "Voluntourism" Nicaragua (3 credits)
(PREREQUISITES: English Composition I and II) Accepted students will register into ENGL 0340 for spring

- HIST 0290: Nicaragua: Its History and People, A "Voluntourism" course (3 credits)
Students will travel to Nicaragua in January; the post-departure courses take place in spring semester 2011. The two weeks in Nicaragua will include one week volunteering in local schools and one week experiencing tourism: Activities such as zip-lining down a volcano, hiking through the jungle to a waterfall, and horseback riding in the countryside.



Students should always check with Academic Advisors before selecting a course.

Students may be eligible for loans; please make sure you have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form www.fafsa.ed.gov

Stop by the International Programs Office (Parenzo Lobby) for more information.

An application and more information is also available at www.wsc.ma.edu/educationabroad

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Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:30a.m.-8:00p.m.
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Sunday 1:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Dunkin' Donuts

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Friday 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 10:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Quixotes

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9:30p.m.
Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Pandini's

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12:00a.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

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Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

The Perch

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Garden Cafe

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Governor Patrick comes to Westfield State

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Westfield State University class council invited Governor Deval Patrick to the campus for the annual senior convocation ceremony last Thursday.

Before speaking to the students, he attended a briefing in Scanlon Living Room with attendees such as Mayor Dan Knapik and President Dobelle.

In the briefing, the mayor addressed the work he is doing for the city of Westfield with the 12 million dollar stimulus he received from the government.

Knapik discussed the Great River Bridge, Park Square, and the clock tower that will "chime to the time." These projects should be complete in the fall of next year.

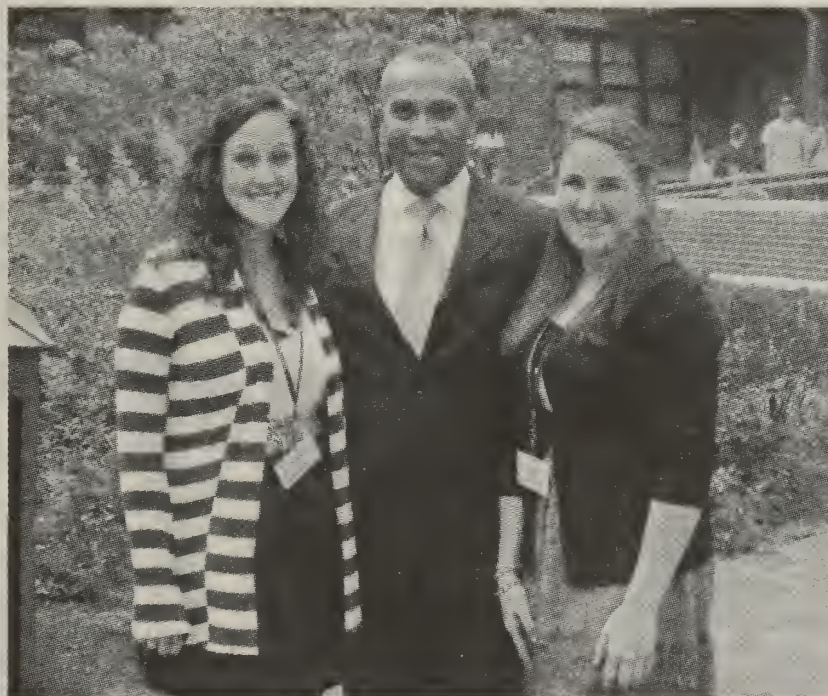
He then thanked Gov. Patrick for supplying the money to do things for Westfield and make it a better place to live.

Mary MacInnes from the Holyoke Intermodal Center got up to speak. She gave a brief description of the project she is doing in downtown Holyoke and then thanked the governor for his support.

"We couldn't have done it without the help of your administration," MacInnes said to the governor.

After MacInnes, Pres. Dobelle got up to the podium to speak about the downtown projects – Lansdowne apartments and the Rinnova Art Gallery.

Pres. Dobelle also said that Barnes and Noble and Starbucks are looking for a



location in downtown Westfield.

He told Gov. Patrick that we are "grateful for your leadership" and ended with saying that we, as a university, are 5,400 students strong. "It's the nicest college in the nicest city I've ever lived in," he said.

After the briefing, Gov. Patrick changed into robes, and was escorted into Scanlon Banquet Hall so the convocation could begin.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Bob Hayes introduced all the speakers, including professor Marsha Marotta, Senior Class

President Courtney Sarantos, Ryan O'Connell, Denise Ammirato-Hughes, and President Dobelle.

President Dobelle gave a moving speech about poverty in America and then introduced the special guest Gov. Patrick.

Gov. Patrick spoke about the 4,000 jobs he created and how Massachusetts is getting jobs faster than 47 other states.

He also shared a story about his past. He said he had a rough past when he lived in Chicago.

His story was a rags-to-riches type, where he, his mother, and

his sister all shared one room. Every third night he would sleep on the floor because they would all have to share a bunk bed and have to switch off he said.

Even though he didn't have much growing up, he ended up going to Milton Academy in Massachusetts, which was his first time coming to the state.

Gov. Patrick told the senior class to continue being a generation that reaches out and goes the extra step to help one another.

He said to pass that on through the generations. "That's all I ask of you, that's all I hope of you," he said.

In an exclusive interview with The Voice, Gov. Patrick said that it is important to be civically engaged "for two reasons: one is it's your government, it's not somebody else's government, it's not some abstract government, it's your government and it ought to reflect you, the best of who you are, the best what we want."

He continued to say, "if you sit it out and leave it to the professional politicians and the pundits and the pollsters and all that then you'll get the same old, same old."

"But if you want real change, if you want to move the agenda, then you got to get involved," he said.

If he could say one thing to the students of Westfield State University, Gov. Patrick said, "care about the future for all of us, not just yourself."

He said he worked for the Clinton Administration and he now lives in Milton, MA with his family.

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Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

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Friday, Sept 24th

5:00p.m. - Sukkot:
Sukkah Decorating,
Followed By Bless-
ings, Songs/Pizza
Dinner
Behind Interfaith
Center

11:00p.m. - CAB

Brown Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Sept 25th

12:00p.m. - Women's
soccer vs. Mass Mari-
time Academy
Alumni Field

3:00p.m. - Field

Hockey vs. UMass
Dartmouth
Alumni Field

8:30p.m. - MOVIE:

Toy Story 3
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, Sept 26th

8:30p.m. - MOVIE:
Toy Story 3
Ely Main Lounge

Don't get a ticket: Parking changes at WSU

By Tim Callery
Voice Reporter

Westfield State has experienced a lot of changes this year: a new name, new majors, new downtown apartments and probably the most talked about change, the new parking regulations on campus.

If students have not read the email notifications or noticed the parking changes already, they may be subject to fines if their cars are found parked in the wrong lot.

There seems to be mixed emotions about these changes. Junior Brad Calandrella admits the changes do not really bother him. As a student commuter

Calandrella says, "most of my classes are in Ely, so I usually just park behind Dickinson Hall or in Juniper."

Alex Breaan, a first time commuter, said he is quickly learning that rolling out of bed five minutes before class is not going to work this year.

"Last year, it was a lot easier going to classes when I lived on campus. Now I have to leave about a half-hour before my class to beat the morning commute, and then drive around for fifteen minutes just to find a parking spot," Breaan said.

Another distraught student Joseph Bushior said, "I would like to voice to the school that the commuters

are requesting more parking spaces, especially since there is always about 15 open spots right next to Ely (the spaces that are now reserved for faculty/staff only). Also, they took away about 80 spots from us this year, what did they expect would happen to all of us?"

There have been a few changes to the parking in front of Scanlon Hall. The original spots of two-hour parking have been moved up towards the front entrance to expand faculty/staff parking. Along Scanlon Road, outside Welch Hall once was M decal resident parking. Faculty/staff parking has now replaced these spaces as well. Also, the lot between Dickinson Hall

and the Maintenance/Trade Department includes spots reserved for faculty/staff.

The lot outside Conlin Hall, which is part of the Apartment Complex, is resident parking. However, in that parking lot there are four special reserved spots. Those spots are also reserved for faculty/staff parking. Right next to that is the Dickinson Lot. This lot is now parking for commuters and C/E decals.

The Juniper Park Lot provides spaces for commuters, residents, visitors, and for faculty/staff. The middle rows in the lot are spots where commuters and

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New owl advantage program to start this year

By Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

Sometimes going from class to the dining commons to class again, then back to the dorm to hang out in the lounge can get a little old. The most common phrase heard from students around campus is that there is nothing to do. Well, to their surprise and probably yours, a lot of events and activities are planned for this semester on campus.

A program revamped by Jessi Hufnagle in Residential Life now gives

students the opportunity to be educated outside of the classroom, have some fun, and win great prizes!

The Owl Advantage Program is a university-wide program offered through Residential Life. With the help of other campus organizations and academic departments, Residential life has created this new programming system that is similar to Passport to Adventure.

Students, who spend many hours in the

classroom each day, will have the opportunity to win gift certificates, Owl Bucks, and other prizes while learning something new. Each program that is accepted by the Owl Advantage Program is intended to increase students' knowledge of areas that are important to successful community living.

Commuter students may ask how these programs can help you when they do not "live" on campus. Well, this campus is as much of a home to commuter

students as it is to residents. Together these programs help create that sense of a "second home" and teaches students how to be successful within it.

The Owl Advantage Program creates interactions and collaborations within the Westfield State University community.

Students are encouraged to attend as many programs that they can each month, but must attend at least four and sign the

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The Westfield Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed

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Bookstore opens doors for textbook rentals

By Jessica Valli
Voice Reporter

If you are a procrastinator or just found out you need to buy another textbook for this semester, then why not try renting? The bookstore on campus now offers some books for rental.

Be advised, however, that these rentals are in small quantities depending on the textbook and in some cases are not offered.

Book rentals can be almost 50% less than new ones.

Going through the bookstore and the bookstore website is actually very easy: you only need to find the book for your course(s) and choose from the three options: new, used, or rental.

If you choose rental, you will be asked to read a user agreement policy, which explains the rules about highlighting and writing in the books.

The document also goes over the condition the text has to be in when returned.

One recommendation for anyone who is renting is to read the return policy before ordering whether you rent through the school bookstore or through an online textbook rental company.

If you rent textbooks through the university, the books need to be picked up at the bookstore here on campus.

The date of pick-up is usually two to three days after ordering. All the workers at the bookstore provide help, if needed, with picking up the book(s).

After you sign the invoice for the textbook(s), you will receive an invoice of the transaction along in bold italics that the books have to be returned the last day of finals.

Another option in renting is to use an online rental company. One such online company, Chegg's, offers a larger selection of rentals and will ship your book(s) to you usually within a week after ordering.

You can pay a

\$10.00 fee or more for faster shipping if you choose.

For every textbook you rent, Chegg's will plant a tree. Please note that if you choose to go with Chegg's or another online rental company, it is your responsibility to ship the book(s) back.

There are several options for the duration of the rental: half a semester, quarter of a semester, and full semester.

Although a few students have expressed disappointment with rented textbooks, one should not be discouraged from trying out rentals.

Students should compare prices on textbook rental websites: many sites vary with price, quantity, and variety. Also, the online companies make it easy to return a textbook.

Although rentals cannot be sold back, you may find that with renting textbooks, you will have a lot more cash in your pocket at the end of the day.

A second option on textbooks

By Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

A different textbook option available to students that should be mentioned is the purchase of eTextbooks.

This is purchasing your book in digital format. It will have all the charts, text, etc. of the textbook.

The only difference is that the book is on your computer instead of in your hand.

While it is cheaper than buying a new or used book from the Westfield State bookstore, it is more expensive than renting

- ranging close to \$100.

There are also many disadvantages to this format.

The first among these is that the textbooks are generally compatible only with full screen computers, and not devices like the nook or other e-readers.

You are also limited in reading the textbook only where you can bring your laptop.

If you want or need to take your book into class, be prepared to pack your laptop.

You are not limited by Internet access.

Another major disadvantage to using this method is that once you

download your book you are unable to return it for a refund.

If you decide to drop a class, you are still stuck paying for the book.

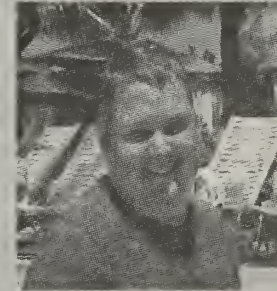
In addition, if something happens to your computer, you lose your book, and you are only allowed to put the book on two computers.

Currently very few books are in the eTextbook format, although in the coming years that is sure to change.

What are your thoughts? Send a "letter to the editor" to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and you may see it published in next week's edition!

Student Spotlight

Cory Garwacki



Hometown: East Longmeadow, MA

Major/Concentration: Communication/Journalism

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I hope to land a job working in the newspaper and/or online area of journalism.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

I like a wide variety of tunes but mostly rock and country.

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?

David Ortiz of the Boston Red Sox, my sister, and President Barack Obama. We would have pasta.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

Hang out in Ely Lounge and meet new people.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

This is my first semester here because I just transferred, so it's too early to tell. but I'm sure there are many to come.

Lucky number?

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If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

As the day of mid-term elections approaches, the Democrats and Republicans are campaigning furiously to either save or snatch congressional seats.

The primaries last Tuesday set the course for a battle in the upcoming weeks. The battle, however, may not be between Democrats and Republicans.

The battle may come between more moderate Republicans and the determined Tea Party Movement.

The Tea Party group is just that—a movement—not an actual party. This group, however, has stirred up quite a bit of trouble within the Republican Party.

For example, Lisa Murkowski, Alaskan Senator, claims that the Tea Party Express sabotaged her campaign and she now faces the daunting task of winning with a write-in campaign.

Senator Murkowski also points blame to Republican Senator Jim DeMint, who supported her Tea Party candidate

opponent Joe Miller and Christine O'Donnell, who beat the Republican Representative in Delaware's Primary.

Murkowski argues that DeMint has further strengthened the divide, claiming she does not, "think that it's particularly helpful to undercut fellow Republicans, but as I say, it's his prerogative."

A full-on civil war may not materialize, but discord, disagreement, and dissent are likely to contribute to an outright battle.

Some Republicans and Democrats too, speculate that the Tea Party Movement's ultra-conservatives will be unable to win over an entire state in the mid-term elections.

This would be an accurate assessment. The Tea Party Movement, while moving full speed ahead, does not have the "fan base"—or rather, the voter support, to make a significant difference in the political landscape of Congress. The candidates are too extreme and too conservative.

While they may procure support for their views on the federal deficit or for the anti-big government stance, in the end they are all playing the game

they have so often criticized.

Tea Party Movement candidates utilize the same devices that all of the other Democrat and Republican candidates use, and will still end up as part of the big government now prevalent in the United States.

While there exists the possibility of Tea Party Movement candidates winning elections in November, the more realistic potential outcome is the movement's practice of self-destructive behavior for the Republicans.

The Tea Party Movement faction causes dissension within the GOP and will result in a bigger win for Democrats in November.

If these candidates do win any seats in November, the Tea Party Movement will eventually fizzle out. Although the issues of unemployment and big government may still be relevant issues in the future, this movement lacks a definitive, solid set of ideals, issues, and positions.

Unless the Tea Party Movement develops a stronger platform, which will no doubt alienate some potential supporters, then this phenomenon will be a movement of the past.

Editor's Desk



GLEE! It's back! Rachel got a new haircut, Kurt's outfits were more outrageous (did you see that yodeling outfit?!), and Will Schuster seems to have gotten even more beautiful, which I didn't know was possible.

SPOILER ALERT! : The kid with the blonde hair? A little bird told me that he is going to be Kurt's love interest...we'll see!

SVU is on tonight and I'm SO pumped. I've been waiting for this for like...ever. So Alex and I are working our butts off so that we can get outta here by nine tonight!

Homework? I don't even know what that is.

And is it bad that I schedule my life around TV shows?

So as you can see, we have a lot of space to fill up here. But it's mostly because of all the content we got from our wonderful writers! Usually the paper is 12 pages but this week it gets to be 16! Whoohoo!

Now I'll just have to ramble until the end of this column. You know who's good at rambling? Rob. See his column in the sports section for proof. Guy is a pro.

Yeah, this is good enough! Thanks for reading? :) Have a nice weekend everyone and enjoy the warm weather while it lasts!

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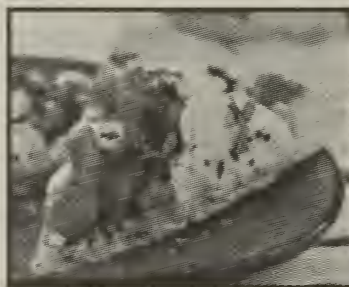
Cooking with Nicole Nado Tomato Pesto Pizza

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup pesto basil sauce
- 1 (12 inch) pre-baked pizza crust
- 1 Tomato thinly sliced
- 1 (6 ounce) jar artichoke hearts, drained
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Steps

- Preheat the oven to 450 degrees
- Spread pesto sauce over the pizza crust
- Arrange tomato slices and artichoke hearts over the sauce
- Sprinkle with cheese
- Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven (cheese should be lightly browned when done)
- ENJOY!!



The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Hello again everybody, believe it or not we are finding ourselves smack dab in the middle of mid-term elections once again.

The plot thickens as the Democrats find themselves about to be run out of town by voters who feel that the President and his cohorts in the House and Senate have not lived up to their pre-election promises. It is like a classic soap opera in some cases.

Will Barack find some new friends? Will Senate Majority leader Harry Reid hand the country over to the Mexicans? Will Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi figure out what planet she's on? Find out next month, faithful readers.

Seriously though, President Obama ran on a platform of change and hope for a better future. The biggest change so far is the weight of our wallets and Federal takeovers of corporations.

More specifically, The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, where Obama took federal control of the insurance company American International Group, General Motors, and several other Wall Street giants.

Then there was The American Recovery and Re-investment Act of 2009, which amounted to Obama coming up with the sure cure of printing more money whenever the government runs out.

Right now, the amount of money they have printed is close to a trillion dollars.

How come the Feds can do it, but it is frowned upon when we try it? Sounds like worthy ideas to me.

As Majority Leader in the U.S. Senate, Harry Reid's plan was to attach the DREAM Act to the recent defense authorization bill.

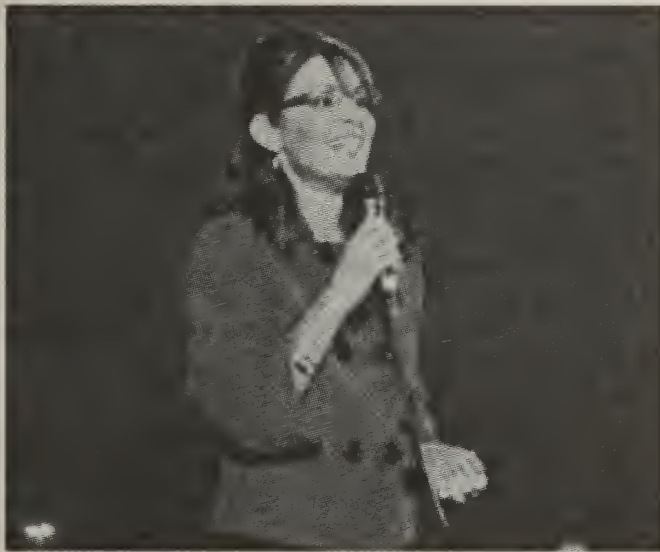


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Sarah Palin is one of the members of the Tea Party Movement that has both Democrats and Republicans running scared.

This, in essence, would provide green cards to illegal alien students, and create more preferential treatment to them through grants and incentives over law-abiding students who are struggling to make their own way in these tough times.

Then there is poor Nancy Pelosi, who was recently interviewed by former Clinton Whitehouse spokesman George Stephanopoulos.

She stated that we are losing 500 million American jobs each month.

I don't know, but this a little hard to believe when there are only 308 million people in the U.S. according to the latest census. Better check those numbers, Nancy.

People are not fully satisfied and think they can do better, and right now the Republicans are sitting back, assuming they'll regain control in November.

In other words, they figure it's their turn. I think if they were smart they would quickly change their tune, for there is a new party in town.

It is called The Tea Party Movement, and its rapidly gaining steam.

It is a populist conservative movement that emerged in 2009 through a series of locally and nationally co-coordinated protests.

The "Tea-party" moniker is obviously in reference to the infamous Tea Party of 1773, where citizens had had enough of Government abuses, and frankly, weren't going to take it anymore.

Democrats and Republicans alike didn't take them seriously, until recently, when Tea-Party candidate Christine O'Donnell successfully defeated longtime Republican incumbent Mike Castle for his Senate seat in the Delaware primaries.

The Democrats and Republicans both are running scared, because the Democrats don't know what they are up against and the Republicans are terrified, because they thought they had it made.

Just sit back and wait for the inevitable screw-ups, which were right on schedule, and then they thought they would just assume control. I would advise them not to count their chickens before they're hatched. For the times, they are a changing.

Editor's Desk



Before you guys read this, I want to warn you: Most of it will be about tonight's airing of Law & Order: SVU.

Okay, so... I AM VERY EXCITED! Even though I have not followed any of the seasons, I've seen basically every re-run and that show is, well, amazing. In every way. One of my favorite things about the show: Elliot Stabler, of course.

Samantha and I are working our butts off to make it on time for the show at 9. (We will still put out a good paper though, no worries!) Can't wait!

Anways, all my excitement aside, this has been a pretty tough week for me. I'm stressing about my classes, as usual. I'm also stressing about finishing all my core requirements and such in time to graduate. I stress about EVERYTHING!

I just get used to it, live my life happily, and move on though! I love everything I do and wouldn't change any of it for the world.

On a different note: I'm sure before turning to this page you checked out the front page... at least the picture. How cool is that, huh? Samantha and I with Governor Patrick?

Although the interview didn't go quite as planned, we got some good information and got to meet Deval Patrick, who was surprisingly a very nice guy. Well, until next week!

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Parking changes cause stir Owl Advantage: attend events to win prizes

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M decal residents can park. When entering, the spaces to the far right and far left are places where faculty/staff can find available spots.

Visitor parking is also on the left next to faculty parking.

There are signs posted in this lot to prevent students from facing fine charges.

The Ely Lot, Courtney, and New Hall parking lots behind Dunkin' Donuts are all reserved for faculty parking.

The other side of New Hall between Davis Hall and Commuter Lot

are spaces for M decal residents. Commuter Lot is still a parking lot strictly for commuting students.

Lammers, however, is still reserved for M lot sticker holders.

Commuters must also take care not to park in front of Mod Hall. That is also parking for faculty/staff only.

Visitors who come to campus should be alerted that they can park in the UCC Second Congregational Church Lot from 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

If they plan to stay overnight, though, they can only be assigned to and park in South Lot on weekdays.

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attendance sheet with a name and campus-wide ID number to be entered into the drawing.

At the end of each month, ten students' names will be drawn for \$10 worth of Owl Bucks.

These students will be notified through their campus e-mails and can pick up prizes in Residential Life.

At the end of the year, students who have attended 18 or more programs will be invited to a large party where great prizes will be offered.

Those individuals who participate will

vote on the large prizes for the end of the year.

There are many programs on campus that count towards the Owl Advantage Program and the if students feel a program that they are attending should count, then they can talk to Hufnagle and someone will be available to take attendance.

Some programs that count are RA section or building events, Hall Council events, any event that is on the Residential Life calendar (check the website or Facebook page), any event with the Owl Advantage logo, any major

university event, and the Lecture Series events.

So there are a couple of things to remember when looking for something to do on campus and attending the Owl Advantage Program:

- #1 Friend WSU Owl Advantage on Facebook
- #2 Check out the calendar that is filled with all of the Owl Advantage Programs
- #3 Make sure to sign the attendance sheet at each program you attend
- #4 Memorize your campus-wide ID
- #5 Regularly check your campus e-mail
- #6 Always Have Fun!

Have you logged in yet?

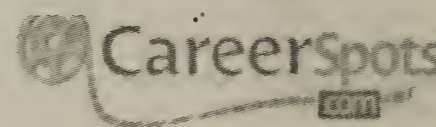
- Search for and apply to full-time and part-time jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities
- Contact career mentors who have expressed interest in helping you with information on their occupation and industry, job shadowing, employment opportunities, internships and graduate school advice
- Locate upcoming job fairs, career announcements and information sessions
- Create a free, customizable online portfolio
- Watch videos on a number of career related topics including the interview, career fair success, creating an elevator speech and much more!

Register today!!

Visit www.wsc.ma.edu/careerservices and click on "Students" then "Career Connections"

USER NAME: first initial, last name and last 4 digits of "A" number

PASSWORD: OWLS (CASE SENSITIVE)



Post-Primary: depends on Independents

By Kevin Feeney
Voice Reporter

If you have never been interested in politics before, there is no more exciting time than now to get involved.

On November 2, 2010, Americans will head to the polls with the intent of electing congressional, state, and local officials who can lead the greatest country in the world.

Perhaps more than any other times in history, our government must overcome numerous obstacles, including war, rebuilding a struggling economy, the highest number when it comes to unemployment.

Not to mention, challenges to civil rights and religious freedom, immigration reform, unemployment benefits, and job creation.

All 435 seats in the

House of Representatives are up for election as well as 34 seats in the Senate.

Numerous other gubernatorial, mayoral, and local government seats are also up for election. Many predict the Democrats will lose hundreds of seats to the Republicans while others predict that not much will change.

The Tea Party movement is separating the conservatives from conservatives and seems to be threatening them for already conservative seats.

Republicans are criticizing Democrats for what they ate for breakfast and Democrats are saying, "Hey, remember who got us into this mess? Let us do our thing."

In the midst of this craziness, one thing is certain: the Independent voter has a lot of power.

Party loyalty is down and the candidate who can attract independent voters and middle-of-the-spectrum Republicans and Democrats will win.

In the upcoming weeks, campaigns will be invading your world like fire alarms invade New Hall.

Prepare for a whole lot of the same messages from different candidates and do yourself a favor—do your own research.

Use sites like www.votesmart.org, www.realclearpolitics.com and www.opensecrets.org to research political races that affect you.

Watch MSNBC for left-wing views and FOX for right-wing views.

Don't limit your sources. Elect a candidate who you believe has a desire to serve you. Also, do not forget to VOTE!

Gubernatorial candidates
Charlie Baker, Jill Stein,
Deval Patrick, and Tim
Cahill.



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Different sleep cycles affect can help improve academic scores

By Meaghan Chalmers
Voice Reporter

Pamela V. Thacher recently wrote the article: "University Students and 'The All Nighter.'"

In this article, Thacher refers to her 2008 sleep study of college-aged adolescents.

Thacher learned not only how long, but also when and how well sleep affects mood, energy levels and academic scores of young adults.

Thacher's article focuses on the fact that there are many reasons that teenagers have fallen victim to a seemingly constant lack of adequate sleep.

One explanation is that due to cultural and social impacts, young adults are driven to stay up later at night, creating a yearning for sleeping-in.

Adults, on the other hand, are the complete opposite.

Due to their obligations, responsibilities and interests, they are more likely to head to bed earlier and rise as early birds.

Here a problem arises: adults play a major role in the structuring and scheduling of teens' lives.

Due to the conflict of interest on the matter of sleep, teens' schedules are pre-determined to hinder more than they help.

So what are teens to do? Continue in the constant cycle of late-night activities and early morning grogginess?

An article published on high-existence.com lends a helping hand by showing that there are alternatives to the standard six to eight hour, or monophasic, sleep cycle.

There are actually five major sleep cycles that have both a good track record of effectiveness and that are recognized by

the scientific community.

These alternatives are referred to as polyphasic sleep cycles due to the fact that one sleeps more than once in any given day.

The Uberman cycle is designed so that the user is to take a twenty to thirty minute nap every four hours.

A high reporting of lucid dreaming is one benefit associated with the Uberman cycle.

The major drawback however, is that one missed nap can result in feeling miserably tired.

The Every Man Cycle is comprised of one longer core nap with a few twenty to thirty minute naps throughout the day.

The Every Man Cycle is highly accessible because it is very adjustable.

One could take a three hour core nap with three twenty minute naps just as

easily as one could take a one and a half hour core nap with four or five twenty minute naps.

Also, there is the Dymaxion Cycle. This is the most extreme of all of the cycles.

The Dymaxion cycle is set so that every six hours you should take a thirty-minute nap.

Although this is the most extreme of the Cycles it is also the most efficient due to the fact that it leaves one with the most useable time.

Lastly is the Biphasic Cycle, which is most like what many college students adapt to.

Biphasic Cyclists sleep for four to five hours each night with one ninety-minute nap around noon.

Although this Cycle may be one of the easiest to adapt to, it is not quite as efficient as the other options.

Now is time to consider which option will

work best for you individually.

All of the sleep cycles show a history of effectiveness, but unfortunately it can become a burden to be the only person you know who is awake at 3:30 A.M.

People who have tried any of the polyphasic cycles urge newcomers to take up a hobby that they can partake in during their newly acquired free time.

Also, veteran polyphasic cyclists insist that simply changing your sleeping patterns will not fix everything.

Anyone and everyone should try to lead as healthy and active lives as possible, in addition to choosing the correct sleep style for them.

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REFLECTIONS

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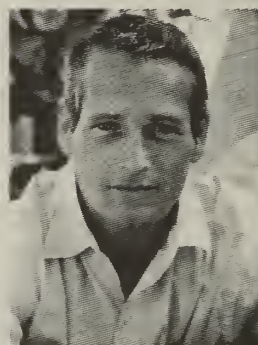
Will Smith – Born Sept 25, 1968



Willard Christopher Smith Jr. was born and raised in West Philadelphia (hence the lyrics in the Fresh

Prince of Bel-Air theme song) when his parents divorced after he turned thirteen. He was smart and was offered a chance to go to MIT but he “never intended to go to college.” He started as the rapper in DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince with his childhood friend Jeffrey and made the popular song “Summertime,” along with others. He was nearly bankrupt in 1990 when NBC created “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,” a sitcom built around Smith’s life. That started his acting career and from there he went on to movies and has starred in numerous silver screen international hits including “Men In Black,” “I, Robot,” and “I Am Legend.”

Paul Newman – Died Sept 26, 2008



Paul Newman was born in Shaker Heights, Ohio. When he was of age, he served in the United

States Navy in World War II. He wanted to be a pilot but he wasn’t allowed in the training program because he was colorblind. During the war, his detail was ordered to fly to a ship out on the water. This was just before the Okinawa campaign. By a fluke his flight was held back and the rest of his detail who went on to the ship as planned were killed. He starred in numerous films, one of his most recognizable being “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” alongside actor and friend Robert Redford. One of his last works before his death was in 2006 when he provided the voice of the retired automobile racecar Doc Hudson in the Pixar film Cars.

Stories by Anton Chekhov: Review

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Anton Chekhov has been called the father of the modern short story, and rightfully so.

I recently finished Barnes and Nobles’ publication of his *Ward No. 6 and Other Stories*, and I was floored.

From Chekhov’s descriptive language to his focus on mood and setting, I couldn’t put it down.

Ward No. 6 and Other Stories includes the title story, and countless others - some well known, some less so.

Each story has something unique, whether it is a subtle nuance or character description.

Each is wonderfully detailed and filled with memorable lines.

“On The Road”, the first of my four favorite stories, tells the tale of Liharev, a 42-year-old homeless man that has never done a terrible thing in his life, yet his

consciousness weighs on him.

He meets a group of travelers, and becomes friends with a dying woman.

Some of Chekhov’s most memorable, yet melancholy lines come from this story.

On page 53, for example, “Not a day passes but one makes acquaintance with somebody one would give one’s soul for.

There are ever so many more good people than bad in this world.”

One of the things that makes Chekhov so enjoyable is that no matter who you are or where you come from, his words resonate and connect with you.

“Typhus” may be short but it’s still great.

It is about a young lieutenant named Klimov and how he contracts typhus.

“In Exile” is about Siberia, and how, even there, there is happiness.

For fear of spoiling it, my lips are sealed. Purchase the book to find out what happens next in each of these stories.

“Ward No. 6” is my

favorite story out of the entire book. Andrey Yefimitch is a doctor entrusted with the care of the mentally unstable patients who reside in Ward No. 6.

He unexpectedly befriends one patient, Ivan Dimitrich, with whom he has intelligent conversations for hours every day.

However, the peculiarity of this relationship leads to everything going socially downhill for Andrey.

One of the story’s key lines is on page 205, “A man’s peace and contentment do not lie outside a man, but in himself.”

All in all, these stories taught me many things about life and death, and they let me see the world in a new perspective.

If you are a fan of short stories or just want to read something different, pick up *Ward No. 6*. You will not regret it.

Read any good books lately? Send in a review to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and see it published for the entire campus to read.

Speaker Series Dates

Timothy Black

When Heart Turns Rock Solid

Monday, October 4, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Josephine Dickinson

The Silence of the Lambs

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Scanlon Living Room

Attend these events for a chance to earn prizes with the Owl Advantage Program

Westfield band leaves listeners across the nation wanting more

By Kevin Feeney
Voice Reporter

"Home is where the heart is."

That quote explains why I'm so deeply in love with the hardcore, melodic quintet known as Killswitch Engage.

Hailing from Massachusetts, the band has become more than just a band for many of us local metal-heads; KSE has become a force - a statement of powerful and raw emotion, which connects with the listener and leaves them wanting more.

The band mixes incredible musicianship with an entertaining stage presence and has paved the way for many of today's metalcore bands.

Based in Westfield, Killswitch Engage records out of Zing Studios downtown.

The band formed in 1999 from members of Aftershock and Overcast and released a self-titled record showcasing both chops and the vocals of Jesse Leach.

KSE signed with Roadrunner Records and released their breakthrough record "Alive or Just Breathing"



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in 2002. With singles such as "My Last Serenade," and "Fixation on Darkness", the record showed the rock world that a hardcore band can use both heavy breaks and riffs and project emotion with softer sung choruses.

The band hit a minor speedbump when Leach resigned due to depression

and other emotional problems. Howard Jones, with whom the band continued to gain fame, replaced him.

Their first album with Jones, "The End of Heartache," would go on to be nominated for a Grammy Award.

They have continued to prove that Massachusetts is a cathedral of metal

with the releases of "As Daylight Dies" (2006) and their recent self-titled album (2009) featuring the single, "Save Me."

KSE has toured the world and the United States numerous times making headlines on Warped Tour, Taste of Chaos, and Ozzfest.

If you haven't seen Killswitch live, go see them.

Even if you don't like metal, it is worth going to a show just to see the crazy antics of guitarist Adam Dutkiewicz who has been known to wear a cape, short-shorts, and even on one occasion a Katy Perry t-shirt.

Killswitch Engage is the metal band of our generation.

Their music makes me proud to be part of the local scene in here Massachusetts.

*Listen to any good music lately?
How about any that you couldn't
stand?*

*Share your opinion with the
campus community and send it to
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu!*

Weezer back on track with new album

By Mike Quinlan
Voice Reporter

In a musical world that seems to be dominated by autotune, drum machines, and not-so-hard-rock one can look up to a band like Weezer to bring a little bit of soul back into the music business...or can they?

Weezer has now released three albums in three years, beginning in 2008 with their third self-titled album (known to most as the Red Album) which was not too different from the band's early days with rock-out-loud hit's like "Pork N' Beans" and "Troublemaker."

A year later, after the Red Album's success began to fade away, Weezer quickly released Rattitude which turned out to be a critical failure.

The album featured such monstrosities as Can't Stop Partying (Featuring Lil' Wayne), and The Girl Got Hot.

In fact, there were only two songs on the entire album written solely by front-man Rivers Cuomo.

After the release of

Rattitude, Weezer split from their long time label Interscope, and signed on with Epitah Records.

Luckily Weezer's new album Hurley is a step back in the right direction... kind of.

The album still features a number of Co-Writers/musicians, but there is more old school raw rock feel to it.

The album takes a little bit of time to get used to, but it's definitely a step in the right direction.

The first single "Memories" was written solely by Cuomo and tells a story of some of his favorite times on the road throughout the years.

Other tracks like "Ruling Me" and "Run Away" have similar sound to that of classic albums like *The Blue Album* and *Pinkerton*.

My only true complaint is that there is nary a guitar solo on the entire album, even though Rivers Cuomo is known to be an excellent guitarist.

All in all, I give the album 7 out of 10, and it's definitely worth a listen.



Springfield Walk

Saturday, September 25, 2010

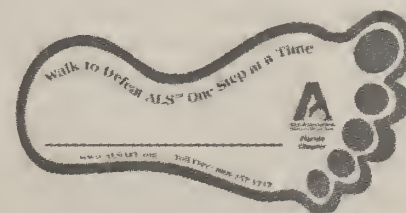
Walk Check-in: 9 a.m.

Walk Starts: 10 a.m.

Location: Forest Park

Distance: 3 miles

Fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease



Sleeper hits: The Ghost Writer

By Wilson Belbin
Voice Reporter

Eclipsed or turned aside by critics because of director Roman Polanski's troubles with the law, "The Ghost Writer" is a gem.

Start to spectacular finish it is a tightly wound political thriller full of fascinating characters and great actors.

The blend of that scenery, cinematography and score is chilling.

The film follows a ghostwriter who is supposed to follow figures working on their memoirs and just write them in the subjects own words.

As Ewan McGregor's character is given the job to be the ghost writer for the newly ex British Prime Minister you know something is wrong with the whole situation, but unlike many other movies this one keeps the attention through the whole entire film.

It never lets you go and most importantly it keeps the screenplay tight so that it never diverges, but keeps you in the story.

The added sense of paranoia is

brought on by the idea of British prime ministers being planted in the government by Americans in order to mold the British government to Americans liking.

Across the board the acting is spectacular. I am not a huge fan of Ewan McGregor, but regardless, he is able to portray the correct emotions throughout the film.

The star of the film is Pierce Bronson as the prime minister making him your classy and witty Brit.

His performance has a edge to it, though, which makes you not trust the character at all.

Olivia Williams who plays the prime ministers wife is another highlight, she gives the most emotionally open performance and near the second half of the film she is chilling. Overall it is a good cast.

Technically the film is perfectly stitched together with a chilling score and beautiful cinematography.

The film does have some problems. The biggest problem I had with the film was that it left me cold at times and I wish I was a little more

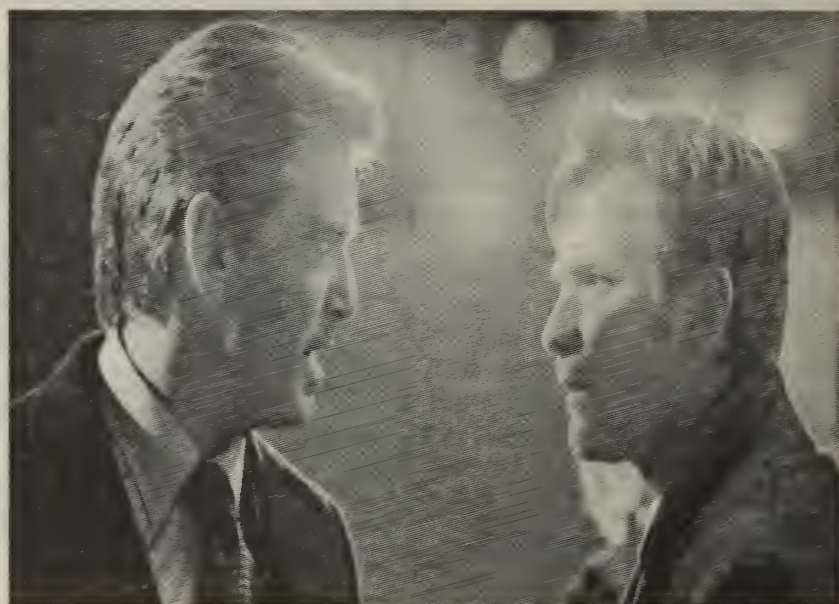


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invested in some of the characters.

Also it seems that the film had some loose ends that seemed important to the story and were never

mentioned again. This movie is the work of a man who knows how to direct a thriller. Smooth and confident, it builds suspense instead of depending on action.

Dancing With the Stars: odd picks make for good TV

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

The eleventh season of "Dancing with the Stars" will be a season with many well-known names and a few eyebrow-raisers as well.

The ABC reality dance competition that matches celebrities and professional dancers as they perform Ballroom or Latin dances and compete with one another for judge's points and audience votes.

The dancers compete each week until a winner is crowned.

This season's cast includes singers Michael Bolton and Brandy, actresses Margaret Cho, Florence Henderson and Jennifer Grey, actors David Hasselhoff and Kyle Massey, reality stars Mile The Situation Sorrentino and Audrina Patridge, daughter of Sarah Palin Bristol Palin, and retired sportsmen Rick Fox and Kurt Warner.

My pick to win this contest is actor Jennifer Grey. Grey, who co-starred with the great Patrick Swayze in the iconic film "Dirty Dancing" is



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coming into the competition off recent surgeries for thyroid cancer found during a show-related medical checkup.

Her experience with dance in the film "Dirty Dancing" should help Grey in the competition and her connection with the late Swayze will help her to get votes.

Florence Henderson, best known as Mrs. Brady from "The Brady Bunch", is the oldest competitor at age 76.

Her age shouldn't matter, since witnessing Mrs. Brady do some un-Brady like dances will definitely be entertaining.

Mike Sorrentino, a breakout star of MTV's Italian-American beach reality hit Jersey Shore, says he hopes DWTS will help propel him into scripted TV and films.

We can probably expect "The Situation" to take his shirt off and act like a complete fool for most of his screen time.

To add some sports flavor to the show, ABC added former NFL quarterback Kurt Warner and retired L.A. Laker Rick Fox to the cast.

It will be interesting to see how Kurt Warner performs since he has a reputation for modest behavior, the opposite of last DWTS season's wide receiver Chad Ochocinco.

While there are some other great celebrities in this cast like Michael Bolton and David Hasselhoff, there are other people in this cast who I have no idea why they are even there.

They are Audrina Patridge from the hit MTV show "The Hills" and Sarah Palin's daughter Bristol.

First, can someone please tell me what qualifies Bristol Palin as a "celebrity?" Really someone tell me because I have no idea.

In addition, Audrina Patridge makes no sense to me either. Why would ABC want her on this show when she isn't even the most popular person on her own show?

Whatever the case is, I can predict that most people will be talking about this show, perhaps not thanks to some great dancing but rather to see the comedy of these so called celebrities dancing.

"Dancing With the Stars" can be seen on Monday and Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. on ABC.

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
2. Eminem feat. Rihanna - Love the Way You Lie
3. Bruno Mars - Just the Way You Are
4. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
5. Enrique Iglesias feat. Pitbull - I Like It
6. Usher feat. Pitbull - DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love
7. Nelly - Just A Dream
8. Ke\$ha - Take It Off
9. Flo Rida feat. David Guetta - Club Can't Handle Me
10. Taylor Swift - Mine

Top Movies

1. The Town
2. Easy A
3. Devil
4. Resident Evil: Afterlife
5. Alpha and Omega

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Robin Hood
2. 30 Rock - Season 4
3. Stomp the Yard: The Homecoming
4. Law & Order SVU - Season 11
5. American Beauty

Top Album Releases

1. Sara Bareillas - Kaleidoscope Heart
2. Eminem - Recovery
3. Various Artists - NOW 35
4. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
5. Disturbed - Asylum

Linkin Park: A Thousand Suns review

By Lewis Pacheco
Voice Reporter

I've been listening to Meteora a lot. A whole lot. One of my three roommates brought his copy, and it's a favorite of his, and so in turn I've become rather numb to it.

Just kidding, and sorry for that horrible pun. I make this point because I've heard a lot of Linkin Park lately.

I know what Linkin Park sounds like. Mike Shinoda's rapping, Chester Bennington's soaring vocals, industrial drum beats, heavy guitars and synths, and the occasional distorted turntable are staples.

This record does not sound like Linkin Park.

This is not a discouragement. I am simply saying the band has grown musically since they bashed out Hybrid Theory back in 2000.

They really started searching for a new sound on their 2007 record Minutes To Midnight, where they hooked up with superproducer Rick Rubin (Run-DMC, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Johnny Cash).

Again, paired with Rubin, the band who once declared they were "One Step Closer" now sounds like occasional Radiohead-imitators Coldplay with a little Nine Inch Nails meshed in for good measure.

The set is comprised mostly of ballads with a rockers closer to their old



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style thrown in for good measure.

First single "Wretches And Kings" is one of those rockers, a deliberate tribute to their major influence Public Enemy.

One of the few tracks where Mike Shinoda raps, he starts each of his verses with Chuck D's iconic "Base! How low can you go?"

The band uses their typical scratching and heavy riffs, all underpinned by an 808-drum machine I imagine Rubin actually used working with Public Enemy.

Although this foray in their comfort zone is successful, the band chooses to focus on their ballads.

Many are Coldplay-esque, but the band also incorporates enough bits and pieces from other bands-U2 on "Iridescent", NIN on

"The Catalyst", The Roots' and Radiohead's latest records on interludes-and their own electronics to make the sound their own.

Most songs have some steady drum machine pattern, and Chester Bennington's mix of gorgeous straight singing and screaming is unmistakable.

One of the band's greatest strengths which always set it apart from other "Nu Metal" groups is Bennington's gift for melody, and on "Waiting For The End" its in full force.

The album closes on a surprising note. "The Messenger" is another ballad, but instead of a track in the style of "Numb" or Coldplay we are treated to an acoustic guitar-piano-harmonica number with Bennington singing solo.

It sounds like some-

thing off of Rick Rubin's collaborations with Johnny Cash, and like Cash on those records Bennington is both emotive and hoarse (in a good way).

In the end, Linkin Park has done a pretty good job of switching to a more "mature" sound.

While old fans may be turned off, for those open-minded enough the band has created a great headphones listen.

Not every song is distinct as a song, which is an unfortunate byproduct of the focus on sonic detail, but the band is definitely growing into their second phase.

Hopefully their next will be the record on which they break this habit and craft the sonic masterpiece they're definitely capable of.

Rating: 4/5

Thanks to all our A&E writers who pushed this edition to sixteen pages!

Westfield comes up short as WNEC takes President's Cup

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Emotions always run high when two football rivals face each other and this game was no exception.

For the first time in four years, the President's Cup is going to Western New England College after they defeated Westfield State 17-10 last Saturday.

The loss brings the Owls' record to 1-2 on the young season.

After both teams failed to score in the first quarter, the Golden Bears got on the scoreboard first when quarterback Bryce Brown ran into the end zone for a one-yard score to complete an 85-yard drive early in the second quarter.

Westfield countered with a 37-yard field goal from kicker Chris Stengel near the end of the half.

The first half ended with a WNEC field goal with five seconds left on the clock to make the score 10-3 going into the locker rooms.

The play of the game came midway through the third quarter by the WNEC

defense when linebacker Dylan Chandler intercepted a Tyler Dow pass at WNEC's 2-yard line and scampered all the way for a 98-yard touchdown.

The one blemish didn't stop Dow, however, as he threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Evan Berneche early in the fourth quarter to make the score 17-10.

Unfortunately, a Westfield fumble in WNEC territory late in the fourth quarter hurt the Owls' chances of making a comeback.

Though the Owls lost the game, it was a good bounce back effort from Tyler Dow after the tough loss to Montclair. He threw for 180 yards on 18 of 39 passing with one touchdown and just one interception.

Dow got a lot of help Berneche (6 catches for 74 yards) and his other wide receivers as C.J.

Franklin added 6 catches for 45 yards and helped a lot in the return game for the Owls.

Westfield's defense performed very well in the game, only allowing 199 yards of total offense to the Golden Bears – well below their season average of 276

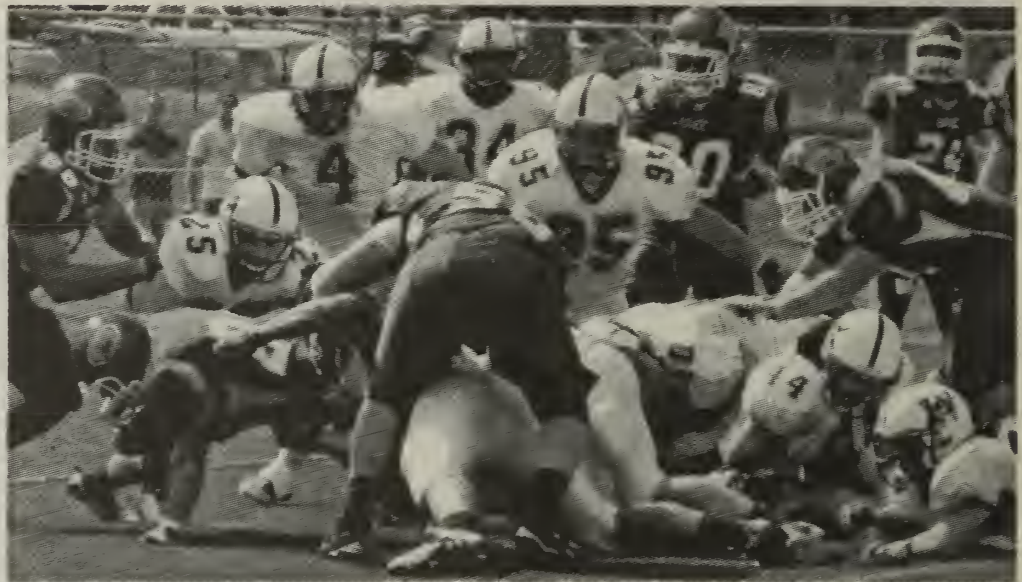


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Westfield's defense stops Western New England near the goal line.

Sophomore linebackers Dan Dowling and Justin Ehrhardt led the Owls with a game-high 11 and 10 tackles respectively.

Westfield still leads the all-time President's Cup series with a 13-9 edge.

This week the Owls travel to Worcester to face the Worcester State Lancers who are coming of a 32-29

win against Nichols College.

The Lancers are 2-1 this season and are averaging over 33 points per game.

Junior quarterback Tony Tokarz leads the Lancers into the game with 488 passing yards for 6 touchdowns and 5 interceptions on the season.

His main target is junior wide receiver Kenny Russell

who has caught 17 passes for 232 yards and 4 touchdowns.

The defensive secondary of the Owls must be ready for this challenge because the Lancers are out for revenge after last year's 33-16 loss to Westfield.

The game in Worcester will kick off tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 1 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, September 26.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups.

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 3 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jordin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
San Francisco vs. Kansas City	SF	KC	SF	KC	SF
Cincinnati vs. Carolina	CIN	CIN	CAR	CIN	CIN
Tennessee vs. N.Y. Giants	NYG	TEN	NYG	NYG	TEN
Buffalo vs. New England	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Atlanta vs. New Orleans	NO	ATL	NO	NO	ATL
Cleveland vs. Baltimore	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL
Detroit vs. Minnesota	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay	PIT	PIT	PIT	TB	PIT
Dallas vs. Houston	HOU	HOU	DAL	HOU	HOU
Washington vs. St. Louis	WAS	STL	WAS	WAS	WAS
Philadelphia vs. Jacksonville	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI
Indianapolis vs. Denver	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
San Diego vs. Seattle	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD
Oakland vs. Arizona	ARI	OAK	ARI	ARI	ARI
N.Y. Jets vs. Miami	NYJ	NYJ	MIA	NYJ	NYJ
Green Bay vs. Chicago	GB	CHI	GB	CHI	GB
Season Record	20-12	11-5	18-14	16-16	18-4

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



As I sit here deciding what to write about in my weekly column, I'm pondering many questions over in my head.

Why is Andy Reid so insistent on putting Kevin Kolb back in as the starting quarterback for the Eagles?

Has he watched Michael Vick play over the past two weeks? Because if he has, he'd know that Vick give his team the best chance of winning.

Put your personal feelings aside - Vick is back. When he's on his game he's virtually unstoppable and let's face it, any game that Vick plays in is flat out more exciting.

And did I mention the Eagles scored 35 points with Vick starting?

But Reid is letting his pride and ego get in the way - he made Kolb the starter as soon as the Eagles traded McNabb and he's not going to go back on that word now.

He better hope Kolb can live up to the hype, because the play of Vick has already stirred up a QB controversy in Philly. It's Monday evening as I write this and maybe between now and Sunday Reid will come to his senses and start Vick - I seriously have my doubts though).

Why isn't Brett Favre riding a tractor back at his Mississippi ranch?

Can't answer that one, but Favre should be anywhere but the football field after the way he's played in the Vikings first two games, both of which were disappointing losses.

Favre's stats after two games: 58.7 completion percentage, 396 yards, one touchdown, four interceptions, one fumble and a QB rating of 56.1.

And to make matters worse, the 40-year-old

quarterback just looks flat miserable out on the field. Maybe Brett should have actually stayed retired this time.

Why is Trent Edwards still a starting quarterback in the NFL? Oh wait, never mind, the Bills announced today that Ryan Fitzpatrick will start this week against the Patriots.

Getcomfy on the bench Trent, you won't be starting for an NFL team anytime soon. And that leads me into a great question for next week: why is Ryan Fitzpatrick still a starting quarterback in the NFL?

Poor Buffalo - no quarterback could succeed behind that horrid excuse for an offensive line.

Why did the refs in the Houston-Washington game whistle for a timeout as the ball was being snapped for Graham Gano's game winning field goal attempt in overtime - how about a timeout BEFORE the ball is snapped so the kicker doesn't actually kick the field goal!

Gano hit the field goal that didn't count and then missed the field goal that actually counted.

I don't know why this got me so upset (I actually picked Houston to win the game) but I imagine it had something to do with watching greasy haired Gary Kubiak treated like a hero for calling a stupid timeout.

Why did the Patriots make Mark Sanchez look like a Pro Bowl caliber quarterback on Sunday?

There are many answers to that one, but I can definitely say that the Pats made Sanchez look a lot better than he really is.

Maybe some pressure on the quarterback from an occasional blitz would be a good

idea? Yeah, I think that sounds like a pretty darn good plan.

There's no better way to rebound from a tough loss than to play at home against the Bills, but the Patriots better rush the quarterback this week and get some pressure on Fitzpatrick or they'll make another mediocre QB look a lot better than he really is - and they'll make my earlier question about Fitzpatrick still being a NFL starter look pretty silly in the process.

How many people had Tampa Bay, Kansas City, Houston and Chicago at 2-0 after two weeks? How about Minnesota and Dallas at 0-2? I guess that's why they play the games.

Why am I still a Notre Dame football fan? All it causes is a lot of heartbreak.

Michigan State's gutsy fake field goal call was an unbelievable play and it would have been awesome to watch - if they had done it against any team other than the Irish.

Isn't luck supposed to be on Notre Dame's side? I guess not. The Irish now have

1-2 - their two losses have been by a combined seven points.

Why haven't I mentioned the Boston Red Sox in either of my first two columns this year? Oh yeah, they suck.

It's pretty tough to justify wasting my time to watch the Sox when they're putting out a AAA caliber team on the field these days.

Jed Lowrie and Yamai Navarro in the infield? Dainel Nava, Eric Patterson, Darnell McDonald, Josh Reddick and Ryan Kalish in the outfield?

Outside of Kalish and maybe Reddick (and that's pushing it) how am I supposed to get excited about that teams, especially when they're not even in the playoff chase?

I guess that's why I've failed to mention the Red Sox in my column so far this year.

But now that I'm on the subject, Boston's best two hitters will be free agents this offseason and the Red Sox better re-sign both of them.

I'm talking about Adrian Beltre and Victor Martinez.

I know both guys are 31 years old but that doesn't bother me. How bad would Boston's already mediocre offense be without Martinez and Betre playing everyday?

Pretty damn bad I'd say. Both are deserving of long-term deals and Theo better be ready to dish out some cash.

If he's willing to overpay for free agents like J.D. Drew and Julio Lugo (God that was an awful signing!) then he better to be willing to pay his own team's best two free agents the money they deserve.

I'll delve more into MLB free agency as we approach the winter.

Anyway, I'm out of room folks but as always, thanks for reading. Who knew that my random questions could fill up an entire page?

Well I'll be back next week to talk about whatever thoughts and questions I happen to be pondering over in my head. Enjoy this beautiful fall weather and have a great weekend.

Upcoming WSU Home Games



September 25

Women's Soccer vs. Mass. Maritime Academy
@ 12:00 p.m.

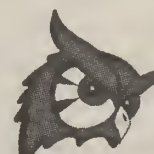
Field Hockey vs. UMASS Dartmouth
@ 4:00 p.m.

September 29

Women's Soccer vs. Smith College
@ 7:00 p.m.



Support your Owls!



What should happen to cheaters in the game

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

Throughout the history of sports, there has always been a problem with cheating in all levels of the sporting world.

From players listed in the Mitchell Report to athletes betting on games, cheating is a major issue.

This discussion brings us to our major question: should players who have cheated or misrepresented their sports still hold their respective stats, records and awards?

Think of how different the sports world would be without the stats of some record holding players being included in the history books.

Consider the amount of great players in our games who are surrounded by controversies and scandals—our home run king Barry Bonds, Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush, and Hall of Fame baseball players Roger Clemens and Mark McGwire.

What would the

sports world be like without the records, awards and stats that these players hold?

Hank Aaron would still be sitting atop the baseball record book as the all-time home run leader. Vince Young would have won the Heisman Trophy in 2005 and Roger Maris would have the single season record for home runs at 61.

Suppose Pete Rose's stats, records and accomplishments were erased because he bet on baseball games as the Reds' manager. One of the best baseball players of all time would have been deleted from history.

Rose is the MLB record holder for most career hits, most games played and the most career runs by a switch hitter – along with many other records, the course of history in baseball would be completely different if his stats were erased.

I believe at this point in time that going back and entirely disregarding what players have accomplished in their particular sports is a

ridiculous and stubborn idea.

How does anybody decide how much and to what extent players have cheated?

When the talk of the most recent issue of cheating including Reggie Bush comes to mind, I don't understand how people could expect him to give up his Heisman.

Although Bush claims that his decision to give up the trophy was fully his choosing, I don't believe that he would voluntarily give it up unless he felt he was forced to do that.

Bush didn't do anything illegal to improve his performance on the playing field. His NCAA violations came off the field, not changing any of his stats and accomplishments at USC.

No matter what rules, drug testing methods or other regulations that Bug Selig, Roger Goodell or any other sports commissioner implements into their games, there will always be a hand full of players who don't lead by example and do the right things.



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Reggie Bush has given back his 2005 Heisman Trophy.

Patriots Randy Moss reaches 150 career TDs

Associated Press

New England wide receiver Randy Moss became the fourth player in NFL history to reach 150 career touchdowns with a jaw-dropping, one-handed 34-yard catch in the Patriots' 28-14 loss to the New York Jets on Sunday.

After a 46-yard completion to Aaron Hernandez on third-and-10, Tom Brady found Moss, who reached up, snagged the pass over his shoulder with his right hand - with Darrelle Revis trailing him - for a touchdown with 53 seconds left in the half.

His left hand never touched the ball. "I saw him flashing down the middle, so I gave him a chance," Brady said. "He made a great catch. He can



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make those kinds of catches." The milestone score gave the Patriots a 14-7 lead.

"Regardless of the touchdown, the one-handed

catch, my teammates commended me on it," Moss said, "but we didn't win the game."

He is the second wide receiver to have at least 150 career scores. Moss has 149 receiving touchdowns and another on a punt return.

He trails only Jerry Rice (208), Emmitt Smith (175) and LaDainian Tomlinson (153).

Moss was held to two catches for 38 yards, even after Antonio Cromartie replaced the injured Revis at cornerback in the second half.

"I really don't have anything to say," Moss said. "I was just making a play. My job is to go out here and move the ball and score touchdowns. I don't think I did a good job of that today."

Do you attend WSU sports games? Have a friend on the team? *Write about it.*

Are you a hardcore New England sports fan? Can't miss a game? *Write about it.*

Email the Sports Editor - Rob Donoghue if you're interested at:

rdonoghue6814@wsc.ma.edu

and start writing.

Libra

(September 23 – October 22)

You'll really feel like doing your own thing this week. But whether or not you feel like dealing with it, there's bound to be plenty of work or other responsibilities for you to have to tend to this week.

Scorpio

(October 23 – November 21)

It's time to get back down to business this week. No matter how much you'll feel like having a good time, duty's bound to be calling. There's likely to be lots of work or other obligations that you'll have to deal with.

Sagittarius

(November 22 – December 21)

If you're feeling a little self-indulgent and just want to go out and have a little fun this week, your family may not think that's such a great idea. You ought to try having a little fun around the house.

Capricorn

(December 21 – January 20)

If you have to be out running around a lot this week, you may not really have the energy for it. And you'll really be wishing that you could just spend the week relaxing.

Aquarius

(January 21 – February 19)

You'll be giving a fair amount of thought to your financial picture this week. And you ought to think about how you can start putting into place some of the things that you know you need to be doing regarding your finances.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

If you've been thinking about making some new beginnings over the past few days, this week you really ought to start thinking about what you need to help you get where you want to go.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

If you've been rather self-sacrificing and been doing a lot of things for other people over the past few days, you won't be feeling quite so sensitive to others this week.

Taurus

(April 21 – May 21)

Even if you feel like spending a little time with your friends this week, some work or other responsibilities are bound to end up requiring a bit too much of your attention.

Gemini

(May 22 – June 21)

You'll really feel like having a little fun and enjoying yourself this week. Just be careful that you don't get too carried away. There may be some other concerns that will stop you from doing exactly what you'd like to do anyway.

Cancer

(June 22 – July 22)

If part of you is craving a little adventure and excitement this week, there are bound to be a few issues that'll be keeping you a bit tied up at the moment.

Leo

(July 23 – August 23)

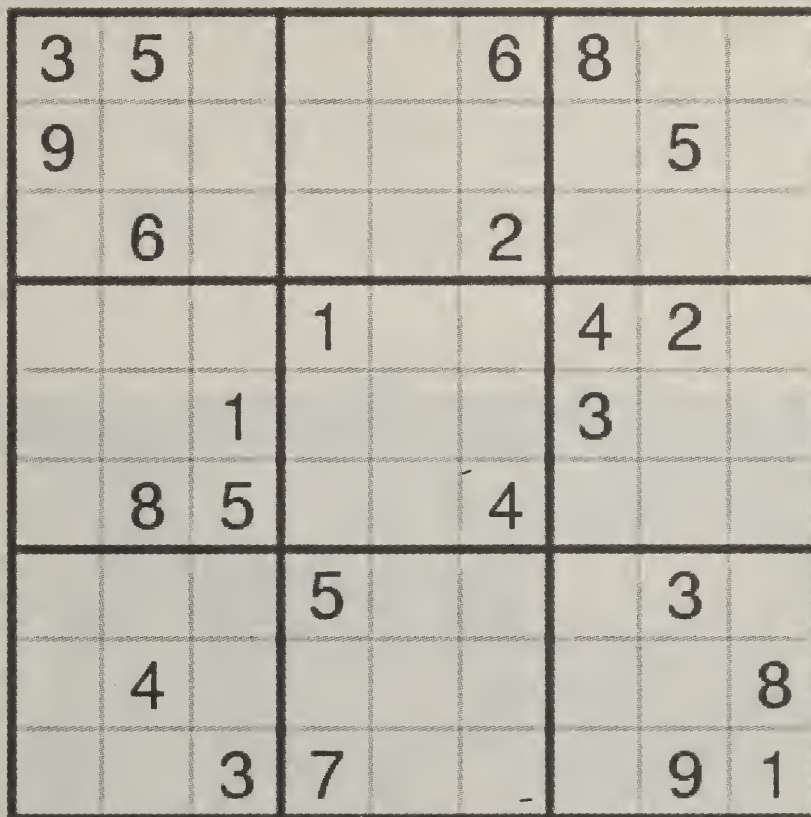
If you and your partner have been having some disagreements over money matters, some of those issues will still be on the table this week. But even if you're still not totally seeing eye to eye, you're bound to be feeling much less emotional about things.

Virgo

(August 24 – September 22)

If you've been having any problems in your most important relationships recently, the focus this week is likely to shift to money.

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Online advising program finally here

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-in-Chief

This fall, the Registrar's Office is implementing a program called a degree audit.

This new tool will help students track and keep control over classes they have taken, need to take, and what classes are available for them to take.

The online degree audit that will be accessed via the myWestfield portal will be available to students, faculty advisors, and administrators.

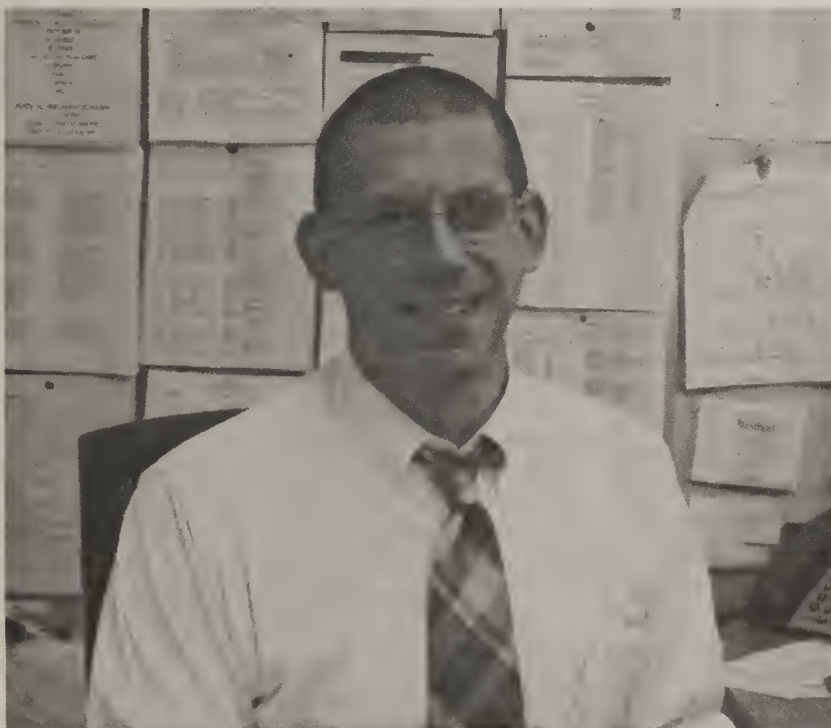
This audit is all online and available 24 hours a day.

It evaluates every aspect of the completion of a degree: major and concentration, minor, and core requirements.

Registrar John Ohotnicky, who has been working on this project for two years, said, "Additionally, the audit will give students 'advise' on how to satisfy the requirement and warn students if they have not met other important non-course requirements, like minimum GPA's and residence requirements."

The process of developing this audit began as part of a strategic planning idea to support and enhance academic advising, he said.

The current procedure that is in place is limited because it only reviews the core requirements, leaving out the requirements for major and minor, which tend to be lost in the shuffle and sometimes forgotten come time for graduation.



Registrar John Ohotnicky who has been working on the degree audit for the past two years smiles as his project goes into full effect.

"Other requirements are manually reviewed and for graduation often left students and advisors surprised when missing requirements were discovered in the student's final semester.

"The new audit will make the entire process more open, accurate and easy to follow," Ohotnicky said.

He said that this software will be sophisticated enough where the

Registrar's Office can respond quickly to a problem and correct and adjust hundreds of audits with a simple click of a button.

Students will be able to keep track of their own progress toward graduation, but their advisors will also have access so there is no more confusion.

"Everybody will be using the same tool. It takes the guessing game out of what your

requirements are," Ohotnicky said.

"We're hoping we can use this tool to better plan course offerings," he said, "so that it can give us more information and more data to make better decisions."

He also said, "The audit will help streamline the course-selection aspect of advising so students and faculty can discuss more significant issues like research options, internships, graduate school, career choices, and much more."

Another thing this audit can do is give students "what-if" audits.

Without actually changing their major, students and advisors can determine different combinations of major/minor requirements while looking at which classes they have already taken.

This helps because if a student is thinking of changing majors or declaring a minor, they will know what classes they have taken that have counted toward that or how many and which classes they have to take to complete it, he said.

"For the large number of undeclared students, this tool should be particularly helpful to select courses toward a program while they are still investigating many options to trying to decide on a major," said Ohotnicky.

There was one significant challenge, Ohotnicky said, that he faced and that was determining student's concentration in majors that require one.

Such majors are biology,

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Monday, October 4
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ture: Timothy Black
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12th annual walk to cure cancer

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

October 1, 2010 marks the start of the 26th annual National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and although many organizations are holding events in the coming weeks, the UMass Memorial Foundation kicked things off early this year.

On Sunday, September 26, 2010 UMass Medical School/UMass Memorial Development Office (UMass Memorial Foundation) held it's 12th annual Walk to Cure Cancer in Worcester, Mass.

The Walk to Cure Cancer is the largest single-day fundraising event that is held in central Massachusetts and has helped to raise over six million dollars for cancer research.

Those participating in the walk have a choice of walking 1 or 5 mile(s) around Lake Quinsigamon in Worcester.

According to UMass Memorial Foundation, the goal of holding this walk each year is to make important advances in "life-saving research and bringing us one step closer to finding a cure."

This walk is unique in that it is not dedicated to one specific type of cancer.

Those taking part in the walk are allowed to walk individually or as part of a team.

Teams may choose to dedicate their walk to one type of cancer or someone they know affected by the disease.

Typically, teams who are dedicating their walk wear the color of the ribbon associated with the cancer they are walking for. Each year the number of people participating in the Walk to Cure Cancer grows and this event has had increasing success.

Although this event ended on Sunday, there are ways that you can help now.

UMass Memorial Foundation has partnered with www.firstgiving.com, a website that allows people to donate to non-profit organizations in a secure location.

You can find a team, donate, or start your own fundraising page by visiting www.firstgiving.com/wtcc

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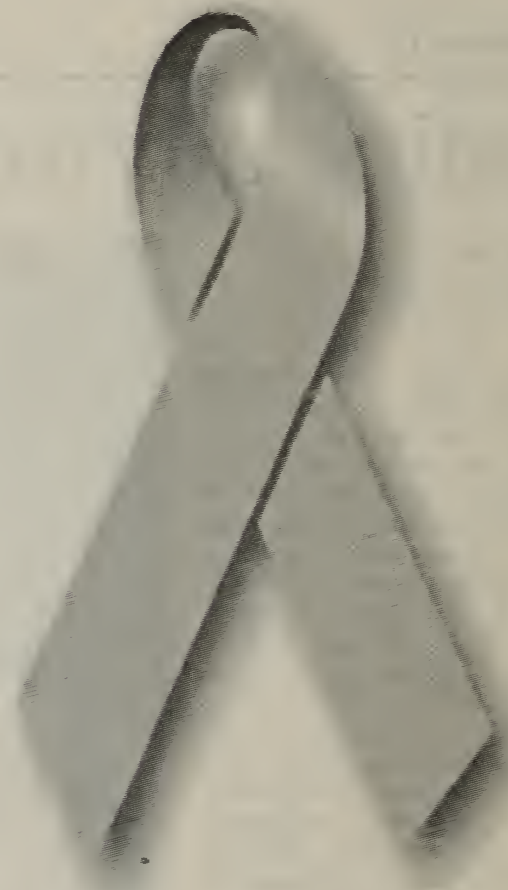


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The breast cancer ribbon stands as a reminder that October 1, 2010 is the start of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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The Price of America's Mid-East Empire

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

Upon entering Baghdad, the commander of the victorious forces told the city's inhabitants, "Our armies do not come into your cities and lands as conquerors or enemies, but as liberators... it is not the wish of our government to impose upon you alien institutions."

Despite such sentiments and high hopes initially accompanying them, a revolt against the self-proclaimed liberators of Mesopotamia spread through the region like wild fire.

Additional forces were surged into the country and after much heavy fighting and bloodshed, the occupiers were able to restore a semblance of order and reduce their number in a drawdown of forces.

Those who remained took on a less conspicuous role, stationed in desert bases away from the local population, but ready to provide air support if needed and spending much of their time training the new Iraqi forces.

Policy makers far away in the occupying country's capital knew that it was important to develop new and less direct means for maintaining control over the strategically important land of Iraq and its oil reserves.

Occupying and pacifying the land had been far more costly in lives and treasure than any of the war's planners had anticipated.

Like their constituents, the elected leaders of the occupying country were ready to move on and focus on the economic crisis at home.

The general who had earlier told the people of Baghdad that he and his men had not come as conquerors but instead as liberators was not Tommy Franks, speaking to Iraqis after Saddam Hussein's statue in Firdos Square had been toppled on April 9, 2003.

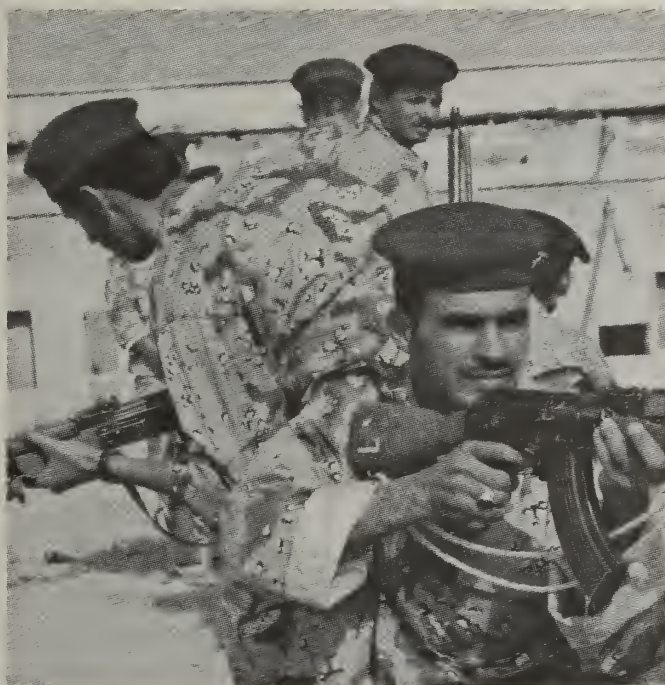


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Iraqi security soldiers patrol streets in Baghdad, Iraq.

The general's name was F.S. Maude, commander of British forces during the First World War's Mesopotamian campaign against the Ottomans, and the date was March 19, 1917.

Future generations of British soldiers invaded Iraq as well: in 1941 after a group of Iraqi army officers that are sympathetic to and supported by the axis powers, overthrew the British-backed monarch in Baghdad, and most recently, with the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

In reality, however, the power and position of the British Empire in the Middle East had been checked and surpassed by the United States nearly half a century before the most recent return of British forces to Iraq.

When President Eisenhower threatened to dump American reserve holdings of British sterling and cut off all loans and oil supplies until British, French, and Israeli forces terminated their invasion of Egypt in 1956, he provided an exact moment to cite as the formal end of Britain and France as imperial powers.

To give an exact

date for the rise of the U.S. as an imperial power in the Middle East is more difficult.

The creation of the Arabian-American Oil Company in 1932 and close relationship with the House of Saud was certainly a foundation that much of which to come later was built off of and around.

The most decisive time period was certainly the aftermath of World War II and the decade of the 1950s.

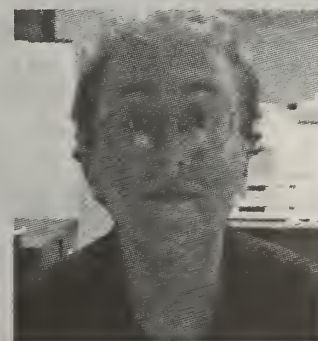
The 1950s witnessed the most overt expansion of U.S. power to date in the region that a 1945 State Department memorandum described as "a stupendous source of strategic power, and one of the greatest material prizes in world history."

In 1953, the CIA worked with British intelligence to orchestrate the overthrow of Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh.

Mossadegh's government had nationalized the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. After his subsequent removal and after the Shah had been

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Student Spotlight



Hometown: Fitchburg, MA
Major/Concentration: Math & Music

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

The idea right now is to be a math teacher if I don't somehow become a rock star.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
Run This Town by Jay-Z.

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?

Malcom X, Ghandi, and Woody Allen and I would serve pork chops.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Going to a practice room.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

I'd say late night conversations I've had with my roommates because we've all been able to connect and really talk about life.

Lucky number?
My age (which this year is 18)

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

This week, President Barack Obama started to hit the campaign trail in a final last gasp effort to win support for democratic candidates and incumbents in the upcoming November elections.

It is also the half-way point in Obama's presidency, which lets us collect our notes and facts and assess the Obama Administration's performance so far.

During his campaign for President, Obama ran on a promise of hope and change.

The hope part was mainly directed toward African-American citizens living at or beneath the poverty level, especially in the southern states, where many misinformed citizens were told by the liberal media that race played a factor during Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent rescue effort.

Mainstream media such as MSNBC, CNN and others perpetuated the idea that the Bush administration took their time on relief efforts because of the majority black population. This lie virtually guaranteed that the southern vote would go to Obama.

The change part would be the first African-American President in the White House, which would bring equality to the millions of people who felt that they were forgotten by the prior administrations. Sounds good on paper, but in reality, it is completely different.

First of all Obama wasn't elected on a landslide as often claimed, but it was more like 52% to 47% over his rival Arizona Senator John McCain, hardly a mandate.

Secondly, the democratic voters probably figured anyone who could defeat the libelous, crooked, overbearing, maniacal; power mad steamroller named Hillary



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Obama sits proudly in front of the flag of our country.

Clinton could defeat McCain.

As far as a performance review goes, Obama came up with some ambitious, though risky, ideas to jump-start the economy.

First of all we have the health care overhaul. Nobody knows what's in it, what it costs, when it will be implemented, how we will be affected by it, or if we will be affected by it.

Secondly, the bailing out of Wall Street and General Motors? Nothing was done about the huge bonuses that continued to be paid to executives, and continued the abuses of taxpayer money.

The Stimulus Act was a plan to pump exorbitant amounts of money into the country's infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, schools, and other civil projects which would not only strengthen the country by way of renewal, but would create "millions" of jobs to unemployed Americans.

Sounds great, but where is the money coming from? The Treasury, he says, and when it runs out, "We'll make more".

The long-term implications here are horrendous.

It's getting to a point where his longtime support in the House and Senate Democrats is also waning, as many of the Democrat's recent campaign speeches make it clear that they are not in favor of Obama's policies.

For instance, a total of 279 Democrats in Congress voted for ObamaCare. Not one is running an ad touting that vote now. Seems they know when a ship is sinking.

Another telling sign of a failed administration is the fact that when the Democrats took over Congress 4 years ago, the unemployment rate was 4.6%. It is now 9.6%.

Four years ago, the deficit was \$169 billion; it is now \$1.6 trillion.

It's been a tradition of the left to blame George W. Bush for just about anything that went wrong in this country. Its time to put the blame where it belongs now, and that is on Barack Obama and his (so far) failed policies and agenda.

Editor's Desk



So last night... I pretty much threw up. Everywhere.

It was the worst Glee episode I have ever seen, and I never thought I'd say that there'd be a bad Glee episode. Don't get me wrong, I used to love Britney Spears because really, we grew up with her. But watching half naked girls dancing on my TV screen gets a little old (believe it or not boys) and there were some parts (those of you who watched it will probably know what I mean) that were just flat out disturbing to watch.

Waste of an episode, in my opinion.

Anyway, Law & Order SVU should be great tonight. Jennifer Love Hewitt is the guest star. I guess she has some free time now that her show Ghost Whisperer was cancelled. My mom and I used to watch that show every Friday night, and I was so depressed when they cancelled it. That and Flashforward. Just when it was getting good!

I get to go home this weekend, but I don't know if I should be looking forward to it. I work at Build-A-Bear in the Kingston Mall in Plymouth and it's inventory weekend, so I don't know what to expect. All you people who work in retail are probably laughing at me right now because I hear it's so crazy and hard and tiring and blah blah blah. I'll find out on Sunday and I'm sure I'll be ranting about it in next week's Editor's Desk!

Until then, have a good weekend everyone!
Thanks for reading!

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Obama. For some, the name stirs up anger and frustration. For others, approval or even gratitude.

For yet another group, this name brings up feelings of disappointment at a failed attempt to change. But there are those who feel sympathetic to this president.

And surely President Obama does deserve some sympathy.

Trying to unite a country so polarized by debates over immigration, healthcare, economic problems, and foreign affairs is not an easy task.

Obama may have also had many more opportunity to push legislation through if he did not face such a partisan Congress.

Even those members of Congress from his own party have not completely backed his legislation efforts, and without the support of those groups, some of his policies cannot be implemented.

Of those that have been implemented, the Recovery Act and the healthcare bill are the two that stand out.

The Recovery Act, signed by Obama in early 2009, aimed to create jobs and boost the suffering economy.

Although this Act has created and saved jobs, it has not had the effect that many Americans were looking for.

Where does the blame go? President Obama. Did he write the bill? No. Does he receive a lot of the blame for a still-suffering economy? Of course.

Another major policy incentive for Obama was the healthcare reform bill. The healthcare bill, passed without a single Republican vote in either the House or

the Senate, was signed into law in March of this year.

It may be too early to tell if this reform proves effective, but the healthcare debate itself demonstrated Obama's problem. He was unable to bridge the partisan gap over this issue.

As a result, those crying against "Obamacare," including those in political office who have brought forth lawsuits against the legislation, have further pointed to the president as the culprit behind the measures they claim are unconstitutional.

In addition to these two, Obama has been further criticized for his lack of a forceful response in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill crisis, closing, or rather non-closing of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, and the wars in the Middle East.

True, Obama should have demanded more of BP in the oil spill crisis, which in a way, became his own Hurricane Katrina.

Perhaps more important, though, is the war in Afghanistan.

Although the declaration of the end of the combat mission in Iraq was announced this year, the increase of troops to Afghanistan did not win President Obama any points.

Rather, he looked as though he was going back on his campaign promises.

Overshadowed by the deemed "failures" of the Obama Administration, his small successes have little weight in the overall assessment of his job performance.

Rarely are the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the reversal of restrictions on stem cell research, or the extension of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act discussed in assessing Obama.

The truth is, Obama's job performance cannot really be assessed.

This is because he is not the only one doing the job. Obama has an administration and the whole unit, not just its leader, should be blamed.

Also, how can one person be blamed for an entire success or suffering of an economy?

Another truth is that Obama inherited more than half of his problems from his generous predecessor.

The two ongoing wars in the Middle East and the ailing economy are two giant issues that have plagued the Obama Presidency.

Those two are results of the infamous Bush. Bush, however, is never mentioned when the assigning of blame starts. Rather, the blame is tossed onto Obama, although he did not even create these problems.

This is not to say that Obama is any kind of saint, or even that his presidency is marked by huge successes.

On the contrary, Obama has made errors, sometimes even colossal ones, that have marred his time in office. But is Obama a failure? No.

He is more so a product of the political climate and issues of the current day.

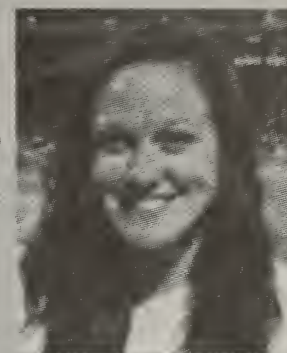
The presidency, although it may seem to be, is not a one-man show. It is a one-administration show based around one leader.

Obama has clearly made some mistakes and he will continue to do so for the next two years.

That is just part of being a president. President Obama may be just as power-hungry and corrupted as the next politician in Washington, but the mistakes he has made during the first half of his first term will help him and his administration learn how to better serve the people.

That is, after all, the key role of any presidency.

Editor's Desk



What an exciting weekend it was for me! It all began last Thursday when Samantha turns to me and says, "You know that guy Danny Gokey from American Idol? Well, he's going to be at The Big E on Sunday for free."

My. Heart. Stopped. For those of you that don't know, Danny Gokey was a contestant on Season 8 of American Idol. He's the guy that lost his wife a month before coming to the show, the cute one with the glasses and the amazing voice.

I was rooting for him the whole way and, no lie, cried when he left the show. I was so bummed, but knew he was going to be a star. So, Sunday September 26, 2010 I got to see him and his stardom.

Not only did I get to go to a free performance & sit in the second row, but I got to meet and touch the beautiful man. I think I forgot where I was for a second...

Well, now that that's happened I pretty much stalk him on Twitter, no big deal.

Anyway, it's a new week and I have to move on and remember that there are other things in life than Danny Gokey...

...like SVU tonight! Last weeks was so good. A nice appearance by Desmond from Lost. Samantha and I are looking forward to watching & eating some pretzels! Alright, I'm done ranting! Have a nice week and enjoy family day! :)

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Iraqi soldiers patrol the streets of Baghdad

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reinstalled as ruler of Iran, a majority of the oil shares held by British oil companies prior to nationalization were redistributed to their American counterparts.

The U.S. was the main benefactor of the Shah's regime until his fall in 1979 during the Iranian Revolution.

After checking the British and French in their attack on Egypt in 1956, the U.S. began the process of inheriting the roles that the two former imperial powers had played in shoring up and protecting pro-West client regimes in the region.

Therefore, when unrest spread through the Jordanian kingdom in 1957, it was the U.S. Sixth Fleet that was dispatched to the waters off of Jordan's coast rather than

the ships of the Royal Navy.

The same was true with Lebanon, a former colony of France.

When the government of Lebanese President Camille Chamoun teetered on the brink of collapse in 1958, U.S. Marines were sent to help restore order.

1958 also witnessed the overthrow of the British-backed monarchy in Iraq.

A charismatic brigadier general named Abd al-Karim Qasim led the coup but neither Britain nor the U.S. was willing to tolerate another potential Gamal Abdel Nasser in the region, the Arab nationalist Egyptian president at the time.

It was in a botched assassination attempt on Qasim in 1959 that the CIA first made contact with an individual from a small town near the Iraqi city of Tikrit.

To be described a few years later by Britain's ambassador as a "presentable young man," his name was Saddam Hussein.

Five decades, much more history, and two Iraq Wars later, the U.S. relationship with the first pillar of American dominance in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia, is set to reach an unprecedented level.

On September 13, 2010, *Bloomberg* news services reported that the Obama administration would soon inform Congress of an arms deal with Saudi Arabia worth over \$60 billion.

As is almost always the case, arms deals are accompanied by U.S. technical assistance and military personnel.

Shortly thereafter, it was announced that Israel would be receiving new F-

35 fighter aircraft by 2015.

An empire of bases across the Middle East testifies to the fact that American military power and support, along with financial aid, plays a similar role in countries such as Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The same is also true in Iraq, which will not develop its own air force until 2018.

Despite the much-heralded end to the war in Iraq by the mainstream media, American soldiers are still dying and being injured there.

In Iraq, American soldiers continue to carry out duties similar to those of their British predecessors deployed there some 90 years ago.

One of the best accounts of the Iraq War by a journalist is *The Forever War* by the New

York Times' Dexter Filkins.

He concludes the final chapter with a visit to a cemetery for British war veterans from the Mesopotamian campaign of 1917 and the later revolt against British rule.

Unlike future generations of mostly young men deployed to Iraq, those who fell then were laid to rest there in Iraq due to the difficult journey to England by ship at the time.

The headstone of one seventeen-year-old soldier caught the author's attention. On it, his friends and fellow soldiers had inscribed, "He died for us."

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Online degree audit a WSU

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Such majors are biology, business management, communication, English, music, political science, movement science, and liberal studies.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to get 100% of the concentrations because many programs don't require students to declare a concentration until their junior year, Ohotnicky said.

Once a major concentration, double major, or minor is declared, though, the audit can be refreshed and it will be automatically updated.

Faculty and administrators already have access to the system and have multiple training sessions scheduled for the weeks of September 27 and October 4.

Students should have access this week, the week of September 27, and can get information on how to access it through their myWestfield email account.

The Registrar's Office is holding two open forums at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 5 in the Scanlon Living Room and at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, October 7 in Scanlon Banquet Hall A.

These forums are for students who have questions and who want to see demonstrations of what the audit can do.

There is also an extensive FAQ document located at the top of the browser for those students or faculty members who could not make the demonstrations.

Ohotnicky said, "The web-based audit is very

user friendly and many early reviews have been positive."

If anyone has any further questions the Registrar's Office in Parenzo 107 is there to help Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

"Future developments and enhancements are already in the works and include an optional planner where students and advisors can plot courses for future years and the option to analyze all the data stored in the audit system to improve the creation of the course offerings available to students in a given semester," Ohotnicky said.

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Sigma Tau Delta

Leaf Raking



Once again the tedious chore of raking your lawn comes around. But it doesn't have to be that way!

Sigma Tau Delta (the English Honor Society) wants to help you out!

The members of Sigma Tau Delta will rake your lawn for you as part of a fundraiser to attend our annual convention, held in Pittsburgh.

Prices are negotiated based on lawn size.

If you live in Westfield or the surrounding area, E-mail or call Ted Zarek at tzarek1998@wsc.ma.edu, (774) 266-4108

or call Professor Glen Brewster at ext. 5332 And leave your name, address, and phone number where you can be reached.

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Bruno Mars - Just the Way You Are
2. Eminem ft. Rihanna - Love the Way you Lie
3. Rihanna - Only Girl (in the World)
4. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
5. Usher ft. Pitbull - DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love
6. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
7. Enrique Iglesias ft. Pitbull - I Like It
8. Nelly - Just a Dream
9. Flo Rida ft. David Guetta - Club Can't Handle Me
10. Far*East Movement ft. Cataracs & Dev - Like a G6

Top Movies

1. Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps
2. Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga-Hoole
3. The Town
4. Easy A
5. You Again

Upcoming DVD Re-releases

1. Get Him to the Greek
2. The Killer Inside Me
3. Iron Man 2
4. Scrubs - Season 9
5. Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky

Upcoming Album Re-releases

1. Kenny Chesney - Hemingway's Whiskey
2. Ben Folds & Nick Hornby - Lonely Avenue
3. T.I. - King Uncaged
4. Jimmy Eat World - In-vented

Barstool Sports goes "Back To Stool"

By Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

While college's around New England have been in session since late August, things officially began Saturday night, as internet superblog Barstool Sports ushered in the fall semester right with "Back To Stool", an exciting music festival which blew the doors off the Mullins Center at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

With a unique and exciting line up which included the likes of rap rookie and UMass freshman Paul Markham, underground darling Mac Miller, mash-up wizards White Panda, and heavy-hitters like Washington D.C.'s Wale, whose hit single "Chillin'" featuring Lady Gaga tore up the charts last year and whose mixtape "More About Nothing" dominated the summer hip .hop scene.

But the star of the evening was a man whose story is almost as well known as his music, as the incomparable Mike Posner took the stage.

Over the past few years, Boston.barstoolsports.com has become almost as ubiquitous on college campus' as iPod's and red solo cups.

The website churns out thousands of daily hits, has spawned two satellite sites (New York and Stool La La), and it's founder, Dave Portnoy, has become an internet zelig in his own right.

The site's main purpose is to basically produce a running commentary on everything involving Boston sports, random celebrity junk, the "Smokeshow" of the day (an attractive girl from a New England college who must be nominated for this honor), and other rampant rampantness.

Hoping to capitalize on the rapid growth of his site, Portnoy decided to take Barstool big time, and

began hosting campus events

During the spring semester of 2010, Barstool organized "Stoolapalooza" at UMass-Amherst, with Boston MC Sam Adams headlining.

Based on the success of last year's event, Barstool rolled out the big guns this year, organizing three "Back To Stool" shows in Amherst, Mass, Providence, Rhode Island, and Manchester, New Hampshire, with Posner scheduled to appear at all three.

This site clearly has a lot of impact on College culture. The Mullins Center was

noise had reached a dull roar.

As DJ Omega appeared onstage with his equipment, the crowd reached that magical moment when it began to move as one, in anticipation of the master of ceremonies.

And as Olubowale Folarin galloped onstage, it was apparent that the building was about to be shut down.

Wale came out guns blazin', spitting with the intensity of a man possessed. As he proceeded through his set, mostly cuts from "More About Nothing," it became apparent to everyone in attendance that the

dropped, and Posner's falsetto commanded the crowd to put their hands in the air.

For those who aren't familiar with his story, Mike Posner's meteoric rise to stardom began in his dorm room at Duke University, where he produced his first mixtape "A Matter of Time."

After signing a deal with J Records, he chose to finish his degree in Sociology while touring on the weekends and working on tracks in his room.

His second tape, "One Foot Out The Door", was hosted by Clinton Sparks, and won Posner wide acclaim from the underground community for his blend of blue-eyed soul vocals, electronica twinged beats, and hip-hop swag.

His major label debut, "31 Minutes to Takeoff", debuted at number eight on the Billboard charts upon its release in August.

His signature hit, "Cooler Than Me", peaked at number six on the U.S. singles chart.

This guy has been on Leno, Regis & Kelly, etc, but yet he looked equally excited performing for an arena of rowdy college kids.

Any artist knows that there isn't as much hanging on a college performance as there is for a nationally televised one, so they can relax a bit, calm the nerves.

But Posner realized that his rep on the college scene was riding on this performance, that Barstool had bet the farm on him for not one but three concerts.

He had to go harder than on TV. This wasn't Leno, this was ZooMass.

Posner proceeded to capture the crowd and hold it hostage for what felt like hours, burning up tracks from his mixtapes.

There have been too many concerts these days, some better, some worse. But none quite like this. Viva La Stool!



sparsely populated
for Paul Markham.

Several freshman girls arrived with "I heart Paul" t-shirts, and Markham's parents were in attendance as well, along with roughly 200 other spectators.

Mac Miller appeared soon after, and delivered a blistering set of four or five songs.

Following Miller's set, electro-funk duo White Panda took the stage, armed with their standard mac books and Panda face masks.

This duo from Los Altos, CA got the already hype crowd moving with rump-shaking remixes and mash ups.

Following a brief intermission, the crowd was near full strength and the

District of Columbia's hip hop scene is in very capable hands.

By the time Wale began his performance of "Chillin'", the crowd was mesmerized, hanging on every word.

As Wale exited the stage, Portnoy appeared to thank and wish everyone a good night, as the stage crew began to take down the equipment.

Suddenly, the activity picked up on stage, as the workers weren't packing up, but rather switching the equipment.

The crowd was in the eye of the storm, a brief period of relative calmness, minutes away from plunging back into a violent assault of energy and sound.

As Posner took the mic, the crowd's energy had reached its zenith. The lights

Hit show Glee returns with welcomed changes

By Wilson Belbin
Voice Reporter

The season two premiere of *Glee* is a clear indication that we are in for another great season of the popular Fox show.

Right from the opening sequence I knew that we were in for a good show. It's a new year at McKinley high and the glee club is still at the bottom of the social food chain.

So how in the world will they get people to line up through the hallway and have girls eat pigeons and worship dead possums like the ever so popular cheerios? Well, by singing, of course.

The first musical number of the show, "Empire State Of Mind", was pretty epic.

Even though I am still mixed on the characters of Finn and Puck rapping, everything else from the wardrobe and choreography made for a spectacular opening performance.

We can quickly see that some of the couples changed up from the last time we saw them.

The very confident



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The members of Glee club cheer on foreign exchange student Sunshine as she auditions to join the group.

and talented Rachael Berry and football quarterback Finn Hudson seem to still be together, but the gothic Tina and wheelchair Artie seem to have broken up.

All the other returning characters are back in all of their glory.

With all the regular cast returning and being as fantastic as usual you know that there has to be some new characters introduced.

We meet Coach

Beastie, the new female football coach, who at first seems like just another Sue Sylvester.

However, we quickly learn that she has a soft side and has some of the greatest emotional moments in this episode.

Oh, and how could I forget about the greatest character on the show, Sue Sylvester, the ever-so powerful cheerio coach?

She is back and as wonderfully evil as ever. She provides one of my favorite

moments of the show as she cruelly demotes cheerleader Santana to the bottom of the cheerleader pyramid.

In order to expand the club both Rachel and Finn try to recruit new members.

Finn recruits pretty-boy Sam, who later sings a charming "Billionaire".

Rachel recruits foreign exchange student Sunshine Corazone to the Glee club.

As it turns out, Sunshine is a incredible singer,

and so Rachel fears she will outshine her, resulting in dueling a musical number "Telephone".

Towards the end of the episode Sunshine sings "Listen" from the play *Dreamgirls* and totally knocks it out of the park.

The end of the episode makes it seem like neither recruit will be joining.

With these new storylines emerging and new characters forming you know that were in for a very interesting and entertaining new season of *Glee*!

Fall brings season premieres with questions answered

By Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

Fall is finally here. This is my favorite season. It brings football, my birthday, cooler weather, Thanksgiving, and of course TV premiere week.

We finally got the answers to our questions left in the spring. Did Gibbs's dad die? What happens to Finn and Rachel? What is Chuck going to do about the situation left to him by his dad? What's going to happen in Scranton this year?

Well, my friends, the wait is over. All our shows are back which means less time for

homework and our social lives.

Chuck, which is on NBC on Mondays at 9:00p.m., is one of my favorite shows, but it is not well advertised.

For this premiere, the cast and writers made us a doozy.

Chuck goes on a search for his mother after he has told his sister that he was quitting the spy life.

Accompanied by his best friend Morgan, Chuck is on a parallel journey with his gorgeous girlfriend Sara Walker and NSA agent John Casey.

The season premiere brings laughs and thrilling

"edge of your seat" moments.

Watch the first two episodes online so you can catch episode three on Monday night.

Tuesday held the premieres of *NCIS* and *Glee*. On *NCIS*, Gibbs and the team had to try to hunt down the daughter of the man that Gibbs killed.

She is a powerful drug cartel leader, and she is extremely dangerous.

On *Glee*, the club is looking for some new members to help them beat their rival Vocal Adrenaline, and they have to do so with a budget that was cut and

given to the football team.

There were a lot of surprises and some great songs, and talented new cast members.

The Office started off with one of the most ridiculous sequences I have ever seen.

Michael has hired his nephew as an assistant, and he is awful at his job, and Michael ends up spanking him.

We are left with Michael trying to decide if he should let himself be terminated, or go through counseling with his least favorite person in the office, Toby.

Last comes the

season premiere of *Family Guy*. This was a one hour episode spoof of the book *And Then There Were None*.

It was funny and entertaining. I was anxious to see who would get killed and who would be the killer.

It was definitely worth watching. I'm also anxious to see who will stay dead or how they bring everyone back this week.

Week one was great for these TV shows and I only see good things in the future.

I hope everyone gets a chance to see their primetime favorites this week.

Fox's Animation Domination airs new episodes

By Jessica Valli
Voice Reporter

Fox's Animation Domination resumed new episodes last Sunday.

First, the season premiere of *The Simpsons* aired, which didn't disappoint.

This is *The Simpsons*'s 22nd season and the show still has the same wit and charm of its first episode.

This week's episode starts off with Krusty getting a Nobel Peace prize and Homer and Bart going to Norway with him.

Krusty is arrested and in order to avoid jail, Bart and Homer have to find an instance of Krusty contributing to western civilization.

At one point, Bart and Homer find funny interviews and clips of Krusty on the Internet. In the end, Krusty is saved by his own selfishness.

The main plot line, however, involves Lisa going to art camp where she

meets the cast of *Glee*.

Lisa has a great time, but after a week when she has to go home, Lisa immediately feels disenchanted with her reality and craves for what she knew in art camp.

She decides to take a visit to the city in which her two camp counselors live but soon realizes that the hype doesn't live up to the reality, as these counselors are actually sandwich makers.

Lisa does go home with some hope due to a wonderful gesture on her camp counselor's part.

The Simpsons is a show that keeps its appeal to viewers because they can easily relate to it.

After *The Simpsons*'s, the Cleveland Show aired in which Kanye West guest-starred in a parody of himself, Kenny West.

This week's episode pokes a little fun at Kanye's past controversies. Some of

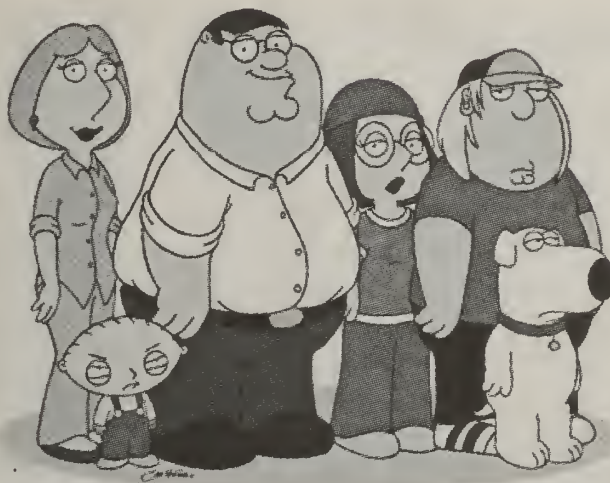


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the highlights include Rallo Tubbs, Cleveland's six-year-old stepson, on a double date and also an entertaining rap skit.

The episode ends with Cleveland being fired as Kenny's manager and being schooled in basketball by President Obama.

The last show which ended Fox's Sunday night lineup was a full hour of *Family Guy*.

This episode parodies the film *Clue*. All Quahog citizens are asked to come to a dinner held in their honor. James Woods invites everyone to his

mansion in order to make amends to everyone he had done wrong.

Characters start dying off one by one and surprisingly Meg lives.

You can find out who the murderer is if you want to waste an hour and watch this.

The episode overall was not that funny and the only saving grace was the comic banter between Stewie and Brian.

The interaction between these two characters is always fun to watch.

Also, the episode brought back the James Woods character along with Drew Barrymore's character Jillian.

Fox's Sunday night Fox Animation Domination is the adult form of Saturday morning cartoons which will not make you feel ridiculous for watching.

Animation Domination is airs on Sunday's on Fox with *The Simpsons* at 8p.m., followed by the Cleveland Show at 8:30, and ending with *Family Guy* at 9pm.

So many shows, so little time: Thursday night hits

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

When you go to college, there are some things that you cannot bring from home, even though you want to. For me this is my DVR, because, boy, did I miss it on Thursday night when there were eight quality shows between 8 and 11 p.m.

With many great shows returning there are a lot of great options out there, but unfortunately it's impossible to watch them all at once.

The tough decisions start right at 8:00. If you are in the mood for a very witty and humorous sitcom than you should click to CBS and watch *The Big Bang Theory*.

The show that is about two fictional geniuses,

one an experimental physicist (Leonard Hofstadter) and the other a theoretical physicist (Sheldon Cooper), who live across the hall from an attractive blonde waitress and aspiring actress Penny.

The season premiere had Sheldon planning his first date with Amy and hilarity ensuing.

On the other hand, if you want a top-notch comedy with characters then I suggest watching *Community* on NBC.

It tells the story about students at a community college who have a study group and partake in adventures while trying to survive college.

Last week's episode was phenomenal as it featured the great Betty White as an anthropology teacher who's teaching

methods are very bizarre.

The cast works very well together and makes this show a must watch.

At 8:30 keep it on NBC where you can watch the very talented Tina Fey and Alex Baldwin in *30 Rock*.

While this show at times may not hit a homerun with every episode, they still deliver a solid half hour of laughs.

The 9:00 hour forces viewers to make a tough call: *The Office*, or highly acclaimed medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*.

Coming off a very emotional season finale where the hospital had a gunman shoot some of the main characters and there was a miscarriage, this season starts off with how the doctors are trying get their lives back together

after that horrific event.

Any other time *Grey's* would be a must watch, but going up against Steve Carell's last season on *The Office* is a tough one.

It will be interesting to see how this great comedy will transition with the loss of Carell.

Nonetheless, the staff at Dunder Mifflin is one that is very watchable and sometimes relatable.

The last major decision that viewers have to make is at the 10:00 hour. Viewers have to choose between a great drama, a great comedy, and well, *Jersey Shore*.

Private Practice is a very well written medical drama but does not have the same following that *Grey's* does and sometimes gets lost in shuffle of shows.

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia is very humorous but also very bizarre as viewers watch as a group of five underachievers run Paddy's Pub, a run-down bar in South Philadelphia. While these shows are some great ones to watch, none can stand in the way of *Jersey Shore*.

This hit MTV show about eight Italian Americans who do nothing more than drink, party and fight is simply amazing, not because viewers learn anything from it, but because people can laugh at the stupid behavior of the cast.

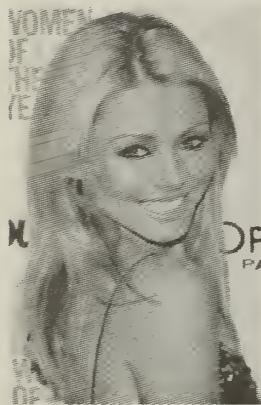
Enjoy it while you can folks, the season ends in four weeks.

With so many great options to choose from, no decision can be considered a bad one.

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Kelly Ripa – Born Sept 25, 1968

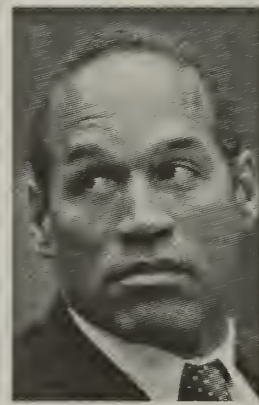


Kelly Ripa was born in Camden County, New Jersey and was discovered by her current manager

Cathy Parker her senior year of high school when she played the lead role in *The Ugly Duckling*. Parker encouraged Ripa to pursue acting. Then, she became an actress, playing a big part in the soap opera *All My Children* for over 12 years. In 1995, Ripa met Mark Consuelos, her co-star in the soap opera. The

two eloped on May 1, 1996 and now have three children. Other films Ripa played in were *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Batman: Mystery of the Batwoman*, *Kim Possible: A Stitch in Time*, and the TV series *Ed*. Since February of 2001 when she replaced Kathy Lee Gifford, Ripa serves as co-host on *Live with Regis and Kelly*.

OJ Simpson – Acquitted Oct 3, 1995



Orenthal James Simpson married Nicole Brown in 1985. He was a Heisman Trophy winner and

star running back. But reports surfaced that he repeatedly beat his wife and in 1989 pleaded no contest to a charge of spousal battery. In 1992, his wife left him and filed for divorce. Two years later, she and Ronald Goldman were found stabbed to death. Within five days, police had gathered more than enough evidence to charge him with the murders, but he refused to surrender, forcing his former teammate Al Cowlings to drive him around, holding him at gunpoint. In his trial, all the evidence was called into doubt by his team of expensive attorneys, who made the case that their client was framed by unscrupulous and racist police officers, so he was eventually acquitted.

The Stranger by Albert Camus: Review

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

My second time reading Albert Camus' career-defining work, *The Stranger*, was just as magical as the first time. It is unlike any other book I have read.

The Stranger takes place in the sun-drenched, summer months in Algeria.

The main character of the novel, Mersault, is greatly misunderstood by everyone around him, which leads him to become entangled in a mess.

All of the trouble starts when Mersault attends his mother's funeral.

According to him, the sun that day was unbearable, and made him feel unlike himself.

The feeling of being unwell due to the sun leads to his downfall later on in the novel.

I cannot say what Mersault did for fear of spoiling the novel,

but he commits a crime. This crime takes place on a hot, dry day on a beach.

Mersault commits this crime due to the fact that the sun is beating down on his head, thus rendering him incapable of irrational thought.

Here he realizes that what he did cannot be taken back, and he resigns himself to this fact.

His trial is the talk of the town, which Mersault doesn't mind, since people usually didn't pay much attention to him.

During his trial, he is questioned again and again why he did what he did, and he cannot rightly explain why.

Throughout the novel, Mersault is misunderstood; misunderstood in both his actions and his words.

He knows that people don't understand him, but doesn't really know why.

One of the reasons why I enjoy this novel so much is for precisely this fact;

that Mersault understands himself perfectly, but cannot explain himself to others.

Mersault signifies one of the problems of the human condition; knowing yourself but being able to express yourself in a way that people can accept and understand.

This novel also shows that once you act, there is no going back.

You cannot worry about the past, you can only try to make the present better.

This is one of the many lessons that *The Stranger* taught me.

This novel also let me see people, and the world, differently.

If you are looking for a novel that is exciting, existential, makes you think, and has a very enigmatic main character, then this is the book for you.

This book changed my life, and I'm sure that it could do the same for you as well.

Speaker Series Dates

Timothy Black

When Heart Turns Rock Solid

Monday, October 4, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Josephine Dickinson

The Silence of the Lambs

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Scanlon Living Room

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Hurling and Gaelic football: Ireland meets Westfield

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Have any of you walked through the green and seen kids playing an unfamiliar sport involving hitting a ball with a stick?

The name of this new sport that has graced Westfield State University's campus green is called hurling, coined "the fastest game on grass."

Hurling is an outdoor team sport of ancient Gaelic origin, played with sticks called hurleys and a ball called a sliotar (pronounced like "slither").

The sliotar has a cork center and a leather cover.

It is between 23 and 25 cm in circumference, and weighs between 110 and 120 g.

The game, played primarily in Ireland, has prehistoric origins and is thought to be the world's fastest field team sport in terms of game play, hence the nickname "the fastest game on grass."

There is a similar game for women called Camogie.

The object of the game is for players to use a wooden stick to hit the ball between the opponents' goalposts either over the crossbar for one point, or under the crossbar into a net guarded by a goalkeeper for one goal, which is equivalent to three points.

The sliotar can be caught in the hand and carried for four steps, struck in the air, or struck on the ground with the hurley.

It can be kicked or slapped with an open hand (the hand pass) for short-range passing.

A player who wants to carry the ball for more than four steps has to bounce or balance the sliotar on the end of the stick and the ball can only be handled twice while in that possession.

Hurling has been played for over 2,000 years in Ireland.



Dan Sweatland from Clinton, MA (center) in intense game of the Irish-born sport.

One of the first modern attempts to standardize the game with a formal, written set of rules came with the foundation of the Irish Hurling Union at Trinity College Dublin in 1879.

It aimed to draw up a code of rules for all clubs in the union and to foster that manly and noble game of hurling in Ireland. The founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) in 1884 turned around a trend of terminal decline by organizing the game around a common set of written rules.

The 20th century saw greater organization in hurling and Gaelic football.

What brought this unique sport to the campus of Westfield State University?

A student by the name Daniel Sweatland, from Clinton, MA is the source of this new phenomenon.

Upon studying abroad last semester in Ireland, Dan returned with a new hobby.

This hobby has intrigued this student body during the past few weeks courtesy of Sweaty, as his friends call him.

Sweaty brought five hurleys, a variety of sliotars, and a gaelic football to campus this semester.

I was first introduced to hurling through Sweaty when I walked into my apartment at the beginning of this semester.

As we swapped stories of our abroad experiences, he pulled out his hurling equipment and taught me the rules of the game.

Sweaty is currently playing in a hurling league in Worcester.

Hurling is played on a field called a "pitch" which is 137 – 145 m long and 80 – 90 m wide (bigger than a football field).

The goals at each end of the field are in the shape of an "H" formed by two posts, which are usually 6 m high, set 6.4 m apart, and connected 2.44 m above the ground by a crossbar.

Imagine two poles sticking up from the corners of a soccer goal.

A net extending in back of the goal is attached to the crossbar and lower goal posts.

The same pitch is used for Gaelic football as well.

A hurling match has

two 35 minute halves. There are 15 players on a team and a helmet is required to be worn during game play as of 2010.

A hurling match is watched by eight officials.

Another important aspect to hurling is from the defensive perspective.

Players may be tackled but not struck by a one handed slash of the stick, with exceptions being for two handed jabs and strikes.

Jersey-pulling, wrestling, pushing and tripping are all forbidden. There are three types of tackling that are allowed. The first is called the block.

The block is where one player attempts to smother an opposing players strike by trapping the ball between his hurley and the opponent's swinging hurl.

The second type is called the hook.

A hook happens where a player approaches another player from a rear angle and attempts to catch the opponent's hurley with his own at the top of the swing.

The last type of

tackle is called the side pull.

This happens when two players running together for the sliotar will collide at the shoulders and swing together to win the tackle and "pull" (name given to swing the hurley) with extreme force.

Gaelic football is played pretty much the same way as hurling except you don't use sticks.

Instead, players advance the ball up the field with a combination of carrying, soloing (dropping and then toe-kicking the ball upward into the hands), kicking, and hand-passing to their team-mates.

It is played on the same field, has the same amount of players, and uses the same goal as hurling does.

Gaelic football and hurling are the two biggest sports played in Ireland.

With all that said, there is nothing like picking up a hurley and hitting the ball or kicking the gaelic football around, which looks like a volleyball except it has a much harder surface.

A word to the student body of Westfield, if you want to learn how to play hurling first hand, come over to the students and Sweaty if they are playing on the green.

Sweaty loves explaining how to play and showing how to hit the sliotar with the hurley along with a short explanation of the rules.

The players enjoy teaching and informing people that walk by and ask about the sport.

If you find yourself strolling through the green and see kids playing something you have never seen before, say "hey, what are you playing" and you will be glad you did.

For more information about the Ireland-born sports of hurling and Gaelic football you can contact me at rmcginnity5884@wsc.ma.edu.

Turnovers hurt Owls in loss to Worcester State

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

The name Graham Asum was heard a lot last Saturday as the Westfield State Owls fell on the road to the Worcester State Lancers 30-18.

Asum intercepted Owls' starting quarterback Tyler Dow four times and returned one for a 52-yard touchdown.

Westfield committed seven turnovers (5 interceptions and 2 fumbles) on the day in a tough loss to open New England Football Conference Bogan Division play.

The Owls record now goes to 1-3 while the Lancers improved to 3-1.

The Owls could not establish a solid running game as they only accumulated 49 yards rushing, forcing Dow and backup quarterback Dylan Smith to throw the ball 50 times combined.

Dow was 13-25 and threw for 179 yards with four interceptions and one touchdown, while Smith was 12-25

passing for 147 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Though both quarterbacks struggled on the day, they were able to find wide receiver Evan Bernache 8 times for 110 yards including a 74-yard touchdown reception from Dow in the second quarter.

Receiver Kevin Parnell also caught a 12-yard touchdown from Smith late in the game to add to his five catch, 77 yard day. Speedy receiver and return man C.J. Franklin also contributed with 121 all-purpose yards.

The Owls' defense once again made some nice plays and forced two safeties against the Lancers on a blocked punt and a misplaced snap. Ryan O'Connell blocked a Lancers' punt at the 2 yard line and the ball went over the end line for a safety.

O'Connell would finish the day with seven tackles, not to be outdone by Westfield's team-leading tackler Justin Ehrhardt, who had 10 tackles for the game.

Lancers' quarterback Tony Tokarz led Worcester State offensively as he ended

with 179 yards of total offense and two touchdowns while junior Marcus Price had 19 rushes for a game-best 70 yards.

Tokarz was able to find his favorite target Kenny Russell four times for 77 yards and one score.

The Owls are hoping to end their three game losing streak this Saturday when they finally return home and face Bridgewater State at 1:00 p.m.

Bridgewater is 2-2 this season with victories over Mount Ida and UMass-Dartmouth.

The Bears are coming into this game with a two game losing streak after losing their conference opener to Framingham State last week 46-7.

The Bears average nearly 13 points per game and are led by senior running back Justin Fuller who has rushed for 316 yards and four touchdowns this season.

The Owls' defense has given up almost 169 rushing yards per game so far this year.

It will be important for the Owls to contain Fuller and force Bridgewater to pass the



photo courtesy of Joshua Katz, Worcester State

Kevin Parnell hauls in a fourth quarter touchdown.

ball, which is something that they do not like to do as their starting quarterback has only thrown for 144 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions in four games this season. This will be a very big divisional game for the Owls if they hope to make it to the playoffs.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 1 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, October 3.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

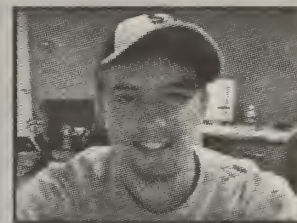
In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 4 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
San Francisco vs. Atlanta	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL
N.Y. Jets vs. Buffalo	BUF	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN
Detroit vs. Green Bay	GB	GB	GB	GB	GB
Carolina vs. New Orleans	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh	BAL	BAL	PIT	BAL	BAL
Denver vs. Tennessee	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN
Seattle vs. St. Louis	STL	STL	SEA	SEA	SEA
Houston vs. Oakland	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU
Indianapolis vs. Jacksonville	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Arizona vs. San Diego	SD	SD	SD	SD	ARI
Washington vs. Philadelphia	PHI	WAS	PHI	PHI	PHI
Chicago vs. N.Y. Giants	NYG	CHI	NYG	CHI	CHI
New England vs. Miami	NE	MIA	NE	NE	NE
Season Record	29-19	24-8	26-22	26-22	29-19
Bye Teams: Dallas, Kansas City, Minnesota and Tampa Bay					

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



I am no longer a "Craz-E Burger" virgin... I can now die a happy man.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the burger that some call delicious and other call disgusting, let me tell you a little bit about it.

It's served annually at the Big E fair in West Springfield and has become pretty popular around the country after being featured on various television shows. What is in this so called Craz-E Burger? Brace yourself.

A quarter pound cheese burger topped with two slices of bacon that's served on two halves of a glazed donut. No, that isn't a typo. This burger is served on glazed donuts instead of traditional buns.

This is the part where, not to be sexist, girls usually make a face and proclaim how repulsive that sounds while guys lick their lips and ask how much they cost. That's the trend I've seen anyway.

I thought I might be the only one ordering a Craz-E Burger and the cashier might give me a weird look as I waited anxiously in line – but then the guy next to me ordered two and three other people in different lines ordered one as well.

I realized I wasn't the only craz-e one after all. Just as I got my burger and went to sit down to enjoy this delectable creation, two women walked by and saw the big sign advertising "Craz-E Burgers."

You know what they said? Yep, that's right – "Oh my gosh, that's disgusting!" See, I'm not making this stuff up.

But anyways, the burger was awesome. The combination of the juicy cheeseburger and sweet glazed donuts—two things I never would have thought of combining—

was absolutely scrumptious.

Did I mention it had 1,500 calories? Oh well. Good thing I'm not on a diet.

So to actually get onto the main subject of this column (sports, not food) I was pretty sad last week when I found out via an Adam Schefter tweet that Kevin Faulk was out for the rest of the season with a torn ACL.

The 5'8" third down running back is one of my favorite players to ever wear a Patriots jersey.

He's always gotten the most out of his abilities and proved the doubters wrong.

It would be sad if Faulk's career ended due to an injury and it will be a tough road back for the 34-year-old veteran.

But Faulk hasn't let anything stop him in the past, so I don't put a full recovery and return next year out of the picture. I really hope he'll be back.

It became pretty clear in the win over Buffalo that the Patriots will use a few different players to fill in for the void left by Faulk's injury.

Rookie Aaron Hernandez is going to see a lot more passes in his direction, especially on third downs.

Danny Woodhead (wait, who?) looks like he'll be able to fill in Faulk's shoes as a change of pace third down back who specializes on draws and counter runs. The kid is small, but he's pretty damn fast.

Benjarvus Green-Ellis will see more carries on a weekly basis and he looked pretty good against the Bills – granted that's like saying Lebron looked good at the local YMCA.

The Patriots' defense is another story. They made journeyman Ryan Fitzpatrick look like Jim Kelly for most of the game – some-

thing this defense has made a habit of doing in the past.

I don't mean to keep picking on Buffalo. I actually like the Bills. Unlike the Dolphins and Jets who I absolutely hate, the Bills are like the loveable losers of the AFC East.

Drew Bledsoe was my favorite player as a kid so when the Pats traded him to Buffalo, I started liking the Bills as well. So I guess you could call me a closet Bills fan.

And the way they've played over the past decade, they shouldn't be a threat in the division anytime in the near future.

Anyways, the front seven doesn't get enough pressure on opposing quarterbacks and the young cornerbacks are having a tough time covering speedy receivers in the open field.

Maybe Bill Belichick should consider blitzing with his linebackers a little more... I thought there was something in my ears when the CBS broadcasters said that Jerod Mayo's second quarter sack was only the second of his career.

But I checked the stats

and couldn't believe that it really was only his second sack (technically his 2.5th since he had 1.5 career sacks before the game). Mayo is supposed to be one of the playmakers of New England's defense, so I'd say that stats a red flag that the Pats need to start blitzing more.

Back to the Bills for a minute – I couldn't help but laugh when rumors came out last week that Trent Edwards was on the trade block. Who was going to trade even a seventh round pick for the benched quarterback that will be a free agent this offseason?

With confidence and an offensive line Edwards could be decent in the NFL – but he'll never be more than a number two QB in my opinion.

Someone will pick him up on waivers, but I can't picture him seeing the field again this year unless another quarterback gets injured.

The biggest surprise of all last week came when I found out that Andy Reid actually decided to put his ego to the side and start Vick over Kevin Kolb.

I mentioned last week

that Reid needed to start Vick, who looks better than he did when he was going to Pro Bowls with the Falcons.

Vick is a dynamic talent and his passing is on the mark right now as he's developed great chemistry with talented receiver DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin. If this type of play continues, Vick could be on his way to an MVP season.

Before I end, is it wrong that I was rooting hard for Laurence Maroney to fail in his Denver debut?

The New England cast-off continued to dance around the backfield and couldn't find running room even when he had nice holes in front of him.

Sir Dance A Lot only accumulated 24 yards on 12 carries and failed to score a touchdown on three carries from the 1 yard line. It was nice to see Laurence struggle wearing another team's jersey.

Well I'm out of room folks but as always, thanks for reading. I'll be back next week but in the mean time, enjoy the weekend and go try a Craz-E Burger for yourself.

Upcoming WSU Home Games

Saturday, October 2

Women's Volleyball vs. Clark @ 11:00 a.m.

Football vs. Bridgewater State @ 1:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Rhode Island College @ 3:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Fitchburg State @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5

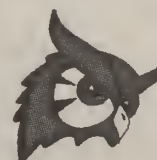
Men's Soccer vs. Trinity @ 7:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Mass Maritime @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 7

Women's Soccer vs. Trinity @ 7:00 p.m.

Support your Owls!



Patriots' offense shines in win over Bills

By Matt Jordin
Voice Reporter

The Patriots are 2-1 at the end of week three after securing a 38-30 victory over the Buffalo Bills at Gillette Stadium.

The Bills started off the game with a march down the field, but only came away with a field goal.

When the Pats got the ball they took it to the end zone after three great plays by tight end Aaron Hernandez, including a 12-yard end around run.

The drive ended with a 7-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady to Randy Moss.

The Bills basically mimicked their first drive on their second and were held to another FG.

The Bills finally got a TD with 6:13 left in the second quarter as New England's defensive front struggled to get pressure on Buffalo quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick.

The Pats answered with a 22-yard touchdown run by newly acquired

Danny Woodhead to give them a 14-13 lead.

With less than 30 seconds left in the half Buffalo made a field goal to take the lead.

But with 18 seconds remaining, Brady threw two long passes to move New England down field and Gostkowski kicked a 41-yard field goal as time expired to give the Pats a 17-16 lead at half time.

Now this is where Pats fans got nervous because the Patriots games have been going downhill once the second half starts since last year – but they held up well in this one thanks to the offense.

On their first drive of the half, the Pats scored a TD when Tom Brady threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Randy Moss for his second TD of the game.

The teams exchanged touchdowns twice more in the third and fourth quarters, but on a drive that would have given the Bills a chance to tie the game, Fitzpatrick was picked off by Brandon Meriweather.

Benjarvus Green-Ellis

pounded the ball through the defense to kill the clock until the Pats were able to kneel down and come away with the victory.

What was most surprising to see from the Patriots' offense was the success of their running game.

They had 200 rushing yards with contributions from Fred Taylor, Benjarvus Green-Ellis, Dan Woodhead, Hernandez and even Brady, who ran for a first down.

Green-Ellis finished the game as the team's leading rusher with 16 carries for 98 yards and a touchdown.

Brady finished 21-27 for 252 yards and three touchdowns and Hernandez led the Pats in receiving with six catches for 65 yards.

Patrick Chung led New England's defense with seven tackles and one interception, but the rest of the defense did not look good for most of the game.

The Pats' defensive backs allowed Fitzpatrick, the newly selected starter for the Bills, to pass for 247

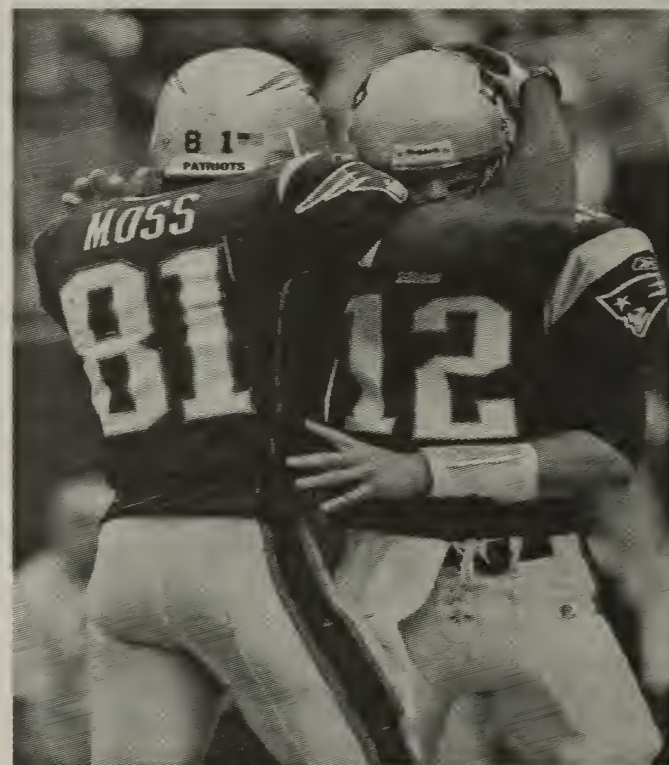


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Moss and Brady celebrating after one of their two TDs.

yards and two touchdowns. for the high-scoring offense

The Patriots would have been in trouble if it wasn't and the defense will need to improve in the upcoming weeks.

Playoff spots up for grabs as MLB season winds down

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

The MLB regular season may be coming to a close this weekend, but the landscape of the playoffs is by no means set in stone.

There are playoff races still going on that will come down to the last day of regular season games.

In the NL West, the Padres have lost their hold on the division lead but are still clinging to a half game lead over the Braves for the wild card (all stats and records as of Monday, September 27).

The Padres have gone 5-5 in their last ten games, failing to come up big

deep into the playoff hunt.

After a slow start to the season, Philadelphia has made a huge push to make it back to the playoffs for the fourth straight season.

The Phils have been amazing since the All-Star break as their starting pitching has the team red hot going into October.

Stephen Strasburg's entrance into the MLB came quicker than anticipated as he was thrown into the rotation in early June.

Strasburg showed signs of excellence prior to getting hurt in August.

The 22-year-old pitching phenom tore his ulnar collateral ligament which put him out for the season.

Strasburg underwent Tommy John surgery earlier this month and will be out of baseball for 12 to 18 months as he rehabs the injury.

The defending champs of a year ago have asserted themselves once again as one of the best teams in the MLB throughout the regular season.

This past off-season, the Yankees didn't sit back as they went out and got Curtis Granderson and Javier Vazquez.

CC Sabathia once again put up Cy Young like numbers, going 20-7 with an earned run average of 3.26.

All roads to the World Series go through the Bronx Bombers this October.

The Texas Rangers

have officially clinched their fourth playoff spot in franchise history.

The rangers picked up former Cy Young award winner Cliff Lee from the Mariners as they outbid the Yankees just before the trade deadline.

The Rangers led the MLB in batting average and hits this season and they were the first team to secure their spot in the playoffs.

In the year of the pitcher, a previously "no name" outfielder from the Toronto Blue Jays, Jose Bautista, has belted 52 homeruns to date.

Bautista has knocked in 118 RBI's this season, turning heads everywhere as Bautista only hit 13

homeruns a season ago.

There have been five no hitters in baseball this season, two of them against the first place Rays.

Most consider this season to have had six no hitters as Armando Galarraga got snubbed earlier in the season on the last play of the game.

This incident, along with many other questionable calls this season has the MLB thinking of moving towards expanded instant replay review.

There were numerous games this season that would have ended up differently if replay had been used.

If umpires can have this technology to lean back on, why not take advantage of it?

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
It should be a great time to try to expand your horizons in some significant way. Many new opportunities should be starting to come into focus for you, including the chance for some kind of additional education or training.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
If you're worrying about some money matters, you really ought to take some time to explore any financial opportunities that could help you create some greater financial security for yourself.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
Your helpful and generous spirit really ought to endear you to others, and you should end up benefiting from other people in some way this week. You're bound to end up getting lots of advice from plenty of different people.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
If it seems like there's a lot for you to have to deal with on the job front, just try to remain as flexible as you possibly can and you ought to be ready to make the most of any opportunities to improve your situation.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Many different opportunities are bound to be popping up for you at this time, and you should find plenty of things starting to change for the better all around you.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
If things seem to have fallen into a bad pattern with your family lately, just realize that the best way to change things is to let go of the past and quit reacting so emotionally.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
If there's an awful lot going on in your life today, just try to keep a positive attitude and always remember to learn something from every experience.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Some new financial opportunities should be crossing your path today, and you really ought to take the opportunity to set some new financial goals for yourself at this time.

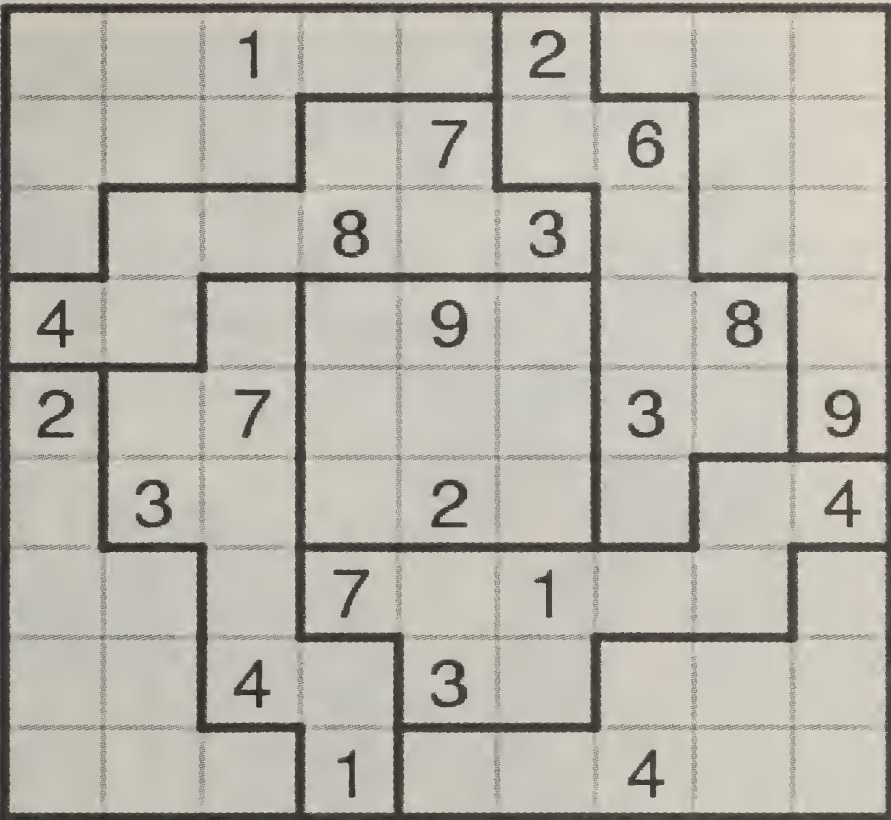
Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You really ought to be thinking big today, and you should have many different goals in your sights at the moment. But in your rush to get where you want to go.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Don't be reluctant to take a step back and revise your game plan if you have to in order to adapt to any changing circumstances or new opportunities at this time.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Make sure that you do whatever you can to restore the connection between you and your closest friends. You ought to be able to have some real fun with some friends tonight.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
If you're just willing to make an effort, you ought to be able to come across very well to anyone you're trying to impress. Most people will really believe in you and want to help you and see you succeed.

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PHENOM walks for public higher education

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

Saturday October 2, 2010 marked an important day for the Public Higher Education Network Of Massachusetts (PHENOM) as they started their 100-mile cross-state march.

PHENOM organized this dramatic walk starting in Pittsfield and ending in Boston at the State House to request that Legislators increase state funding to public colleges and universities across the state.

This six-day walk started out at Berkshire Community College on October 2, 2010 as they made their way to Westfield State University for a welcoming ceremony held on campus.

The walkers were also met by several cyclists and departed Westfield State University Sunday morning.

From there they continued on, making stops at UMass Amherst, Worcester State University, Framingham State University, Massachusetts Bay Community College and UMass Boston before reaching their destination of the State House in Boston.

Each school visited by

the walkers held a welcoming ceremony to help show support for such a noble cause.

The schools helped provide the walkers with food and places for them to spend the night.

Following a rally at the State House, PHENOM representatives asked Legislators to sign a statement known as "For a Great State of Mind."

"For a Great State of Mind" is a statewide campaign that aims to fix fundraising problems in the state of Massachusetts.

PHENOM hopes that "For a Great State of Mind" will re-align Massachusetts Higher Education fundraising with the national average.

Currently the national average of state revenue spent on higher education is 6.5%.

In Massachusetts, however, only 3.9% is spent on higher education. Also, the tuition and fees for a four-year public education in Massachusetts are 33% higher than the national average.

Massachusetts, as a state, also only awards half of the financial aid per person than other states.

Lastly, from the year 1988 to 2008, the fundraising for the main need-based financial aid



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Students walk and rally to get their voices heard by their state legislators.

organization has declined by 53%.

PHENOM is hopeful that following the cross-state walk, "For a Great State of Mind" will continue to bring success to Massachusetts.

The long-term focus is to have national averages take

effect to the 2012 state budget.

If you are interested in joining the thousands before you and signing "For a Great State of Mind" or for more information about the cross-state march or about PHENOM itself, you can visit the website: phenomonline.org.

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Friday, October 8

4:00p.m. - Yoga
Davis Commons Room

8:00p.m. - Fear: The
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Saturday, October 9

12:00p.m. - Men's
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Invitational
Tekoa Country Club

1:00p.m. - Field
Hockey vs. Plymouth
State
Alumni Field

4:00p.m. - Women's
Soccer vs. Worcester
State
Alumni Field

8:30p.m. - Movie: The
Kids Are Alright
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, October 10
8:30p.m. - Movie: The
Kids Are Alright
Ely Main Lounge

Possible changes to WSU common core

By Caitlin Power
Voice Reporter

Some of the main issues for students during class registration involve making decisions about what common core classes to take.

Students oftentimes try to choose common core classes that seem easier than others.

One reason for this may be that students are concentrating more on classes that they need for their specific majors because that is where their more important concerns lie.

The current common core requires students to take specific classes under different sections. There is an exact amount of credits needed to take in each section of the common core list.

The list of classes available for the common core becomes a checklist of what one has taken and still needs to take.

This list can feel like a common to-do list, especially when some things do not get done.

The pressure to fulfill certain requirements has built and caused stress for some students.

Student Michelle Rizzo says that as "a math

major, I already have to take numerous time-consuming classes and it is difficult getting my common core done when they don't help me accomplish my major classes as well."

This is a widespread issue for students here at Westfield State University.

They are worried about requirements for their majors as well.

Another concern is that some students are double majors, have majors and minors, or are active in multiple groups on campus.

Many students are busy and they sometimes do not have the patience to work hard and study for classes that will not help them with future careers and current majors.

Shawna Sullivan, a psychology major, possible Secondary Education major, and a member of Lambda Sigma Honor Society says, "I have had difficult common core classes that give heavy amounts of homework and it has been challenging to give a lot of effort when the classes do not help me with my major."

It is not only students, however, who are unhappy with the common core.

Some of the faculty members have also expressed their opinions on the matter.

Some professors' aggravation can be seen and

heard in the classroom which adds to the students' attitudes towards common core courses.

Some students are not taking the assignments as seriously as other classes and may not be performing to their full potential.

This can be frustrating for any professor, especially one who feels passionate about the course he/she is teaching.

These issues and others about the common core have not gone unnoticed.

The common core has been a heavy topic for the past few years and the ROCCC, Review of the Common Core Committee, has given the university recommendations for how to potentially change the common core to better serve the students and faculty.

Some of these suggested changes include decreasing the number of credits required for the common core to 34 credits and having more interdisciplinary teaching such as "team teaching" which means two professors teach a class together.

Other potential changes include adding foreign language and physical education classes in the common core.

There is also the possibility of making the common core more of a student choice

in order to make the required classes less constricting.

The Curriculum Committee on campus is currently hashing through all the possibilities for the common core.

The committee must meet a deadline and reach a verdict on their decision by the end of this semester.

Professor Vanessa Diana, president of the All-College Committee, says, "the Campus Curriculum Committee will be soliciting campus-wide input on the recommendations."

The issues that students have had with the common core are well-known.

Students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions and the Curriculum Committee is currently thinking of ways to hear students' opinions.

One possible way would be Survey Monkey, which is used frequently to hear student opinions on other issues on campus.

The Curriculum Committee wants to hear what students have to say and they are willing to put time and thought into the outcome of this ongoing issue.

Hopefully, students will be active and speak their minds, and a change will be made for the future.

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Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Non-stop rain floods our campus



Rain causes commuter lot flood that made the use of cars impossible.

By Chris McDaniel
Voice Reporter

With rain falling for almost the past week in Westfield, flooding has become a major issue in all facets of campus life.

Whether it be walking to class or commuting to campus, flooding has certainly had its effects on students.

"Walking to class pretty much guarantees that you are going to have to change your shoes and socks when you get back to your dorm because there are huge puddles everywhere on campus," says David Andre, a Junior living in New Hall.

Flooding has hit everywhere on campus from the Ely Green, where the intramural flag football games are played, to the roads by Wilson and Parenzo Hall.

Stephen Felde, a

Junior, said the huge puddles on the campus green and the rainy conditions caused two of his flag football games to be cancelled last week.

David Andre, who is also on the flag football team, said "I was really disappointed we couldn't play, it's the second week of the season and I was looking forward to playing but rain prevented that from happening."

Andre and Felde's first game was cancelled because their opponent didn't show up most likely due to the rain. Andre said, "We showed up for the game, but the other team never showed. We stayed long enough to get drenched but at least we got the win."

The rain has been off and on since last week. Commuters have had an especially rough commute with all the construction going on in Westfield from the two bridges to the town center,

which created a huge mud pit.

Another problem that the rain causes is that it makes students not want to go out to class.

Getting a student to go to class when he or she is guaranteed to get soaked is an uphill battle which leads to half empty classes and the other half dripping wet.

One student explained that "sitting in your rain-drenched clothes makes it a pain to go to class."

He also said, "Puddles are all over campus so you're sitting in class freezing because your shoes are soaked."

Despite rainy conditions this week, the weather for the weekend looks like beautiful, clear and cool Fall weather.

The days this weekend are projected to be clear with highs in the 60s so plan some activities outside before the Nor'easters begin to hit.

Student Spotlight



Cody Goldman
Hometown: Middleboro, MA
Major: Communication

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

Being successful and making money.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

Latitude by Drake.

*If you had the chance to invite **any** three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?*

I'd serve cheesburgers and fries to Andy Murray, John Mayer, and Drake.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

Nap haha.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Aaron Dowd on the green, just having a good time.

Lucky number?

5

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Glenn Beck, Fox News "entertainer," hosted a rally on the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 2010. Entitled "Restoring Honor," the rally, which claimed to be non-partisan, attracted a huge slew of Tea-Partiers.

On the "Restoring Honor" rally website under "FAQ for Media," section, those behind the planning claimed that the August 28 rally was a "non-political event."

It goes on to say that "there are plenty of opportunities to talk about politics. This isn't one of them."

Regardless, the rally brought out many Tea-Party Movement supporters and featured speakers like Sarah Palin, who is really the epitome of extreme conservative.

Palin, claiming she was speaking "not as a politician" has difficulty traveling anywhere without involving herself in politics.

Mr. Beck held his "non-political" rally, and that was his right. However, when others of a more liberal nature held a rally for their own purposes, Mr. Beck couldn't withhold his nonsense.

Beck was full of criticism for a rally that took place over last weekend, which gathered together liberal and progressive groups for a march on in the Lincoln Memorial.

Beck's website declared that the "socialists descended on Washington."

What was more infuriating, however, was Beck's declarations on his television program.

On television, Beck stressed that the rally on Saturday, which was largely organized by a coalition of liberal and progressive groups,

allowed organizations like Communist Party USA and democratic socialist groups to be included in the rally.

What Beck did not emphasize was that 300 other organizations were involved in the organizing which all formed the protest theme of "One Nation Working Together."

Beck forgot to mention that the NAACP, the AFL-CIO, the Sierra Club, Democracy for America, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and many, many others.

Beck also took issue with the protesters at Saturday's rally, who, in his opinion, did not wear enough red, white, and blue.

He criticized those wearing union shirts and even expressed anger at their signs, some of which read "The Left is What's Right", "We March for Hope, not Hate" and "Stop Racism Now."

Comparing video footage from both the August 28 and October 2 rallies, Beck praised the supporters of his rally, who did not carry signs and were dressed in patriotic garb while he heaped criticism on the protesters at the rally over last weekend.

Well, while Mr. Beck was calling on the people of the August 28 rally to "turn back to God," and "restore honor" (whatever that means), the protesters on Saturday were marching for assistance for unemployed and small businesses, an increase in the minimum wage, immigration policy changes, and increased spending for education.

Most importantly, the leaders and speakers of this liberal and progressive rally were calling on people to vote in the upcoming election.

They were marching as a group for a specific cause, while the Tea-Partiers

were nodding their heads and waving American flags.

But why do Glenn Beck's opinions or even actions matter anyways?

Normally, he would just be another commentator on a (barely credible) news network.

Beck, however, has a large following. By the beginning of last year, he averaged over two million viewers for his television program.

In addition, although the exact numbers for the August 28 "Restoring Honor" rally are not known, there were significantly more participants at that gathering in Washington, D.C. than at the one last Saturday.

Does this mean that Glenn Beck is more popular? That may be and it is no surprise, considering his primary function on the television program is to entertain, not to inform.

Beck may be a political commentator, but he has virtually no expertise to fill that role.

He may make \$32 million a year, but in fact, Beck's highest level of education is high school.

The bottom line is that Beck needs to sit down and be quiet. Seeing as that probably will not happen in the near future, he needs to emphasize that his programs are entertainment and commentary, not thoroughly-researched political analysis.

If his programs are attracting over a million viewers and if his rally can bring out thousands of supporters, then Fox "News" Channel needs to stress that Beck is a commentator and a commentator alone.

Maybe then Americans will realize that they need to think critically about Beck's (and any other news networks') programs and wake up.

Editor's Desk



So, inventory wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be at all.

We got Panera Bread for free and I'm not going to lie, I didn't like it. And I may be the only one in the world who doesn't like it, cause everyone I told was like, "Oh my gosh so good," "You'll fall in love," "I'm obsessed with it," blah blah blah. It just wasn't for me. I'm a picky eater I guess?

I'm so done with this semester already. I'm just ready to pick my classes for next semester and start. My classes now are so hard and are stressing me out. Luckily I love working on the paper or else I'd leave Alex all alone...just kidding Alex!

Have a nice long weekend everyone!!

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Cooking with Nicole Nado Apple Cranberry Crisp

Ingredients

- 5 cups thinly-sliced, peeled apples
- 1 cup cranberries or crasins
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup oats
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons margarine

Steps

In a large mixing bowl combine apples, cranberries, and granulated sugar then transfer 9-inch pie plate.

In a small bowl combine oats, brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon Cut in margarine until crumbly

Sprinkle oat mixture evenly over apple mixture.

Bake in a 375 degree for 30 to 35 minutes, 'till apples are tender.

ENJOY! (with some vanilla ice cream!)

The Proud Conservative

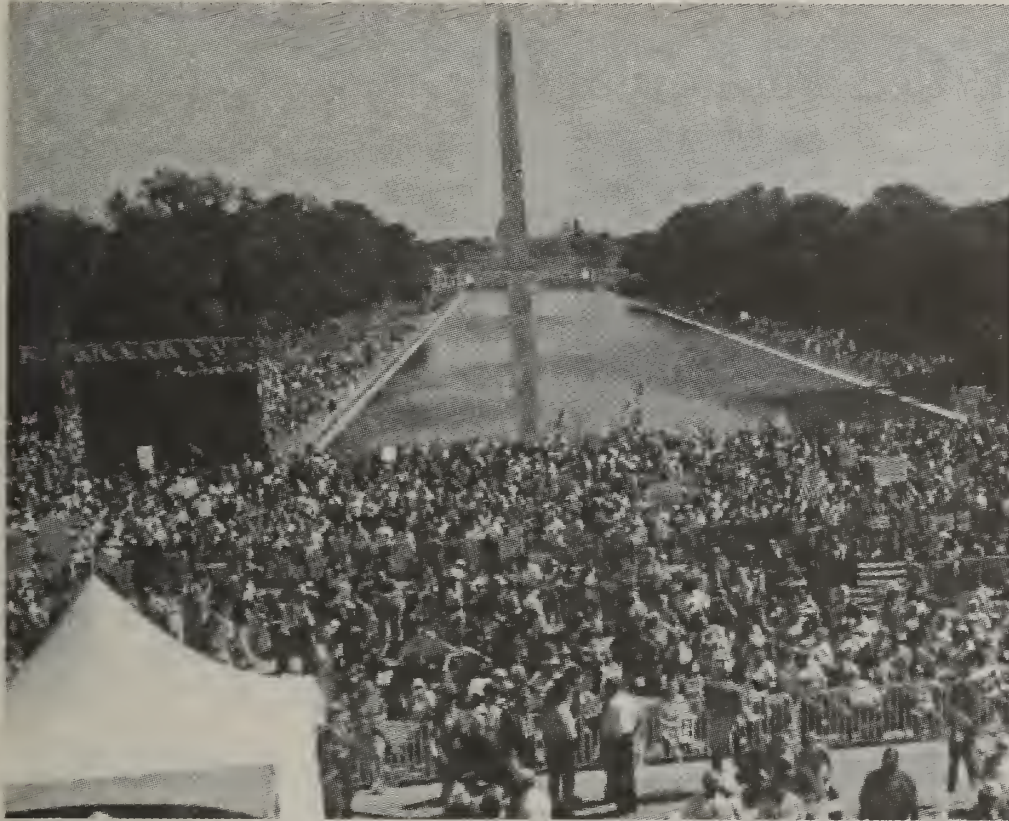


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Citizens rally at the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

As the clock ticks away, we have seen major rallies in the last month from the liberal left and the conservative right as both parties scramble to solidify their voter bases before this November's mid-term elections.

Yesterday the nation was witness to a massive rally held at the Lincoln Memorial by the Democrats, who are reacting to the latest poll numbers and are beginning to realize that the Obama Administration's rhetoric just isn't holding water anymore.

As a result the "One Nation Working Together" rally was held to help rally support for the Democratic Party, just five weeks after the 'Tea Party' movement's, "Restoring Honor," was held at similar rally in Washington.

The whole idea of these two rallies is a great idea,

as it harkens back to the political rallies of the earlier times, when there always seemed to be a little bit of respect shown for the opposing sides of the debate. Nothing could be further from the truth at the present.

The majority of mainstream media outlets, who have been in lockstep with the ultra-liberal left for years, once again showed their true colors and glamorized every speech given yesterday, while at the same time did their best to deride the opposition's similar rally five weeks earlier.

The New York Times repeatedly stated that the objective of the organizers was not to deride the conservatives, and that this was not intended to be a partisan affair.

They reported that the message was about job creation, quality education, and justice. Sounds good to me, but it was hard to find coverage of many of the featured speakers,

who's main objective, it seems, was to humiliate the conservatives, and they didn't pull any punches, either.

Consider one of the first speakers, comedian Charlie Hill, who had a chance to start the rally off on a fair, and positive note, instead stated, "If Sarah Palin had a bright idea, it'd be beginners luck."

Then there was Ed Shultz, host of "The Ed Show", on MSNBC, basically repeated the same mantra for 15 minutes, which was mainly "let's get together" and let's stop the hate, and "let's take back our country".

Ironically just about all the speakers, including Shultz, Jesse Jackson, and Al Sharpton repeated the same "Let's take back our country" demand. Now wait a second, did I miss something, or aren't the Democrats still in control of The White House, House of Representatives, and The Senate?

The same Democratic

Editor's Desk



Ah... the last week before the first long weekend has arrived. These are always the longest weeks.

I'm so psyched to go home! Much like the Springfield area has The Big E, where I live (Peabody) we have the Topsfield Fair. It's almost the exactly like The Big E and it always has the same stuff going on, but I love it! It's a signature fall moment for me and makes me extremely happy!

Just got to get through a few more days and I'll be home bound. Thank goodness I have some of my favorite shows on the next two nights: SVU and Project Runway. They'll keep my mind busy!

Well, everyone, have a GREAT long weekend & thanks for reading!

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Party that celebrities such as Ed Shultz, Jesse Jackson, and Al Sharpton claimed was the savior of America, and symbolized the birth of a new America after the 2008 elections.

Only two years later, and the masses are howling. I honestly believe the liberals' main problem is the ideology of their party.

It was made quite clear yesterday when the demands, which included standards such as better housing, stopping racism, better schools, etc; began rolling out.

Nothing wrong with those, but it was basically, "What have you done for me lately?"

There was actually a woman interviewed who

complained that she was told that her mortgage would be paid, and she would be given a job if she voted democrat in 2008.

That is obviously an extreme example, but this exemplifies the mindset of many in the left.

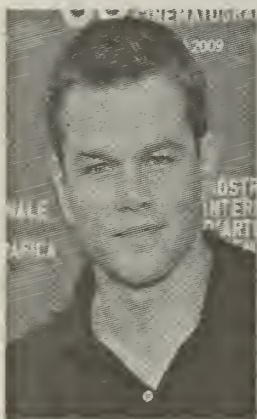
"Somebody needs to take care of us" is their cry. The liberals would rather hand out the fish, where the conservatives would rather hand out a fish along with a fishing pole.

Self-reliance and responsibility are two ideals, which are quickly disappearing in this country, and it is a shame. These are some of the ideals that made this country great, and we can't afford to forget what they mean.

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By Samantha Fahy

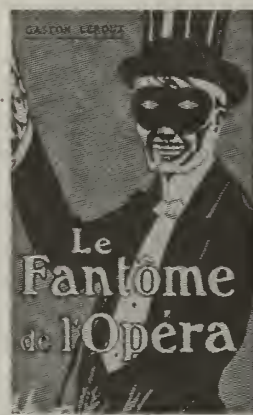
Matt Damon – Born Oct 8, 1970



Matthew Paige Damon was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He took to “role-playing” as a

child partly because his mother raised him by the book, which made him feel as though “you couldn’t define yourself, because you already had been defined by her.” He grew up with his distant cousin but close friend Ben Affleck. For college, Damon attended Harvard University from 1988 – 1992, majoring in English, but he did not graduate. Together, Damon and Affleck wrote an original screenplay together and when a director finally picked it up, it was titled “Good Will Hunting,” winning nine academy award nominations. Damon himself was nominated for Best Lead Actor and Robin Williams as Best Supporting Actor.

Phantom of the Opera – Oct 9, 1986



Le Fantôme de l'Opéra is a novel written by French writer Gaston Leroux. The book didn't

sell very well, and was in and out of print several times during the early twentieth century. It was eventually adapted to the stage and the first performance was on the aforementioned date. It is now the longest running Broadway show in history, and one of the most “lucrative entertainment enterprises of all time.” The most notable of its various adaptations are the 1925 film depiction, but more so, Andrew Lloyd Webber's 1986 musical starring Gerard Butler as the phantom. The book has been translated into five different languages, but the plot remains the same and remains cherished no matter where it's read.

STA fall play opening night review

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On September 30th, I attended the opening night of the Student Theater Association's fall productions. The night consisted of three one-act plays performed by the very talented actors of the STA.

The plays were the comedy *976-LUST* by David S. Raine, the more dramatic *Mirrors* by Lexi Wright (a current WSU student), and John Paul Sartre's famous existentialist play *No Exit*. All of the actors, actresses, and crews did an amazing job.

If you didn't get to see these plays, I urge you to go see the spring productions to have an evening filled with friends, fun, and culture.

976-LUST starred Brad Avery as Brian Blevins and Ann Stokley as Laura Fusco. Brian is a man living in an apartment who needs his personal needs filled, so he decides to call the phone sex hotline 976-LUST.

The operator on the other end, Laura, lives in the apartment across the way from his.

At the start of the phone call, it is rather awkward; neither of the two parties knows what to say. Eventually Laura admits that she isn't a real phone sex operator, her roommate is. Both actors were convincing and funny to boot. I couldn't stop laughing.

Compared to *976-LUST*, the play *Mirrors* was rather serious. That's not to say that the play wasn't fabulous in its own way. It had its funny moments, but it was an overall serious play.

The old woman who wants to go back to San Francisco was played by Courtney Lyons, and the girl who befriends her was played by Hannah Emery.

The broken college-aged couple was played by Matt Harrington and Brittany Masse. The young couple cannot stop fighting as the young girl and old woman look on in wonder.

This play made me sad, but I enjoyed it just the same.

No Exit by John Paul Sartre took my breath away. The set was nicely set up, and the actors and actresses were incredible.

The Valet/The Devil was portrayed as enigmatic and wonderfully creepy by Ben Lapean. Joseph Garcin, the male lead, was played by Brian Scannell. Inez Serrano was played by Laura Fusco, and Estelle Rigault played by Brittany Masse.

All of the characters are trapped in a room, a sort of purgatory, after they die. The room has no exit; no windows or doors. The only person that can leave and enter the room of his own will is the valet. “We're in hell, my pets” indeed! This play kept me on the edge of my seat.

All in all, the night was a complete success. Congratulations to all the cast and crew for putting on a great set of performances!

Speaker Series Dates

Multiple Speakers

Antidote to Columbus

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Scanlon Living Room

Mitchell Teplitsky

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Thursday, October 14, 2010

7:30 p.m.

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A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Bruno Mars - Just the Way You Are
2. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
3. Eminem ft. Rihanna - Love The Way You Lie
4. Usher ft. Pitbull - DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love
5. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
6. Far*East Movement ft. Cataracs & Dev - Like A G6
7. Nelly - Just A Dream
8. Rihanna - Only Girl (In The World)
9. Enrique Iglesias ft. Pitbull - I Like It
10. Flo Ride ft. David Guetta - Club Can't Handle Me

Top Movies

1. The Social Network
2. Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
3. Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps
4. The Town

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Jonah Hex
2. Leaves of Grass
3. Oxford Murders
4. I Am Love
5. The Magician

Upcoming Albums

1. Less Than Jake - TV/EP
2. Liz Phair - Funstyle
3. Sister Hazel - Heartland Highway
4. Kings of Leon - Come Around Sundown
5. Shakira - Sale el Sol

ABC's bachelor pick shocks fans

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

The geniuses at ABC have shocked Bachelor fanatics once again. Last week, the producers of "The Bachelor" announced the new Bachelor for season 15.

Loyal Bachelor fans around the country were expecting last season's "The Bachelorette" runner-up and Cape Cod-native Chris Lambton to be the new Bachelor.

But instead, ABC has done something they have never done in all eight years of the show's existence; they brought back an old Bachelor to give him another chance at love.

This is not just any Bachelor. This is the "most hated" bachelor in the show's history. That's right: Brad Womack.

For those of you who are not familiar with Womack, he was Season 11's Bachelor and the only Bachelor to reject both

women at the end of the process. According to People magazine, Womack said, "I've changed."

Womack said that he is ready to meet someone and ready to fall in love. But he also said that he will "walk away if I don't find love at the end of this."

For those of you who were just as surprised as the rest of the "Bachelor" fans that Chris Lambton wasn't picked, you are not entirely wrong to be. In fact, Lambton was ABC's first choice to be the Bachelor, but he turned down the opportunity.

"They really wanted me," Lambton told Star Magazine. "But I knew it just didn't feel right." ABC went as far as offering Lambton a six figure salary and his choice of filming location.

"When my kids are 20 years old and looking for love, I want to say 'This is the amazing story of how I met your Mom', not 'Oh yeah, she was the best of 25'" said Lambton.

We might have to

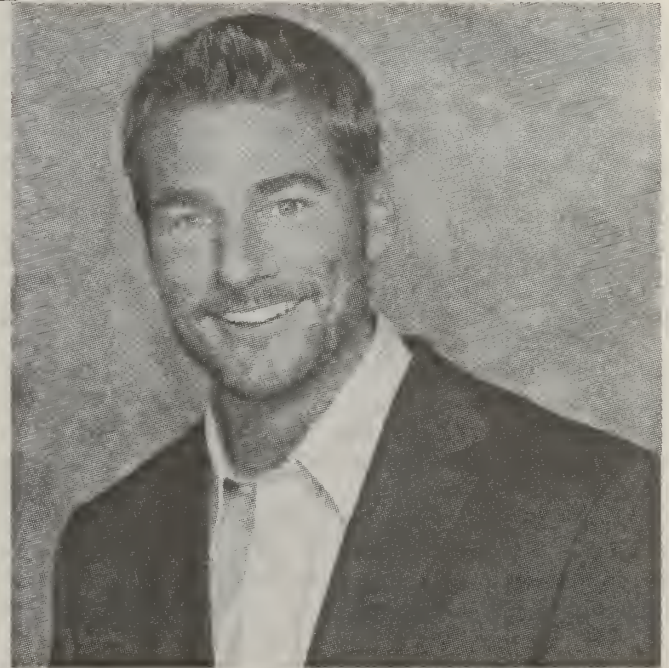


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Bachelor Brad Womack back again looking for love in season 15.

wait a while to see another Massachusetts native star in their own reality show, but for

now "Bachelor" fans can get ready for what will be a dramatic new season of "The Bachelor."

SNL fails to meet its own standards in week two

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

"Saturday Night Live" recently kicked off with the start of its 36th season with a bang as former cast member Amy Poehler hosted.

Last week's 'Saturday Night Live' was good, but it had a few built-in tricks to ensure its quality: it was the season premiere, a former cast member was the host, and the musical guest was Katy Perry.

The second episode of the season would need to stand on its own with only the wiles of its multi-faceted host and enigmatic musical guest.

Unfortunately, it was only able to do one of those two things.

This week's host Bryan Cranston (*Breaking Bad*, *Malcolm in the Middle*) started the show with a clever

musical monologue giving the appearance that viewers were in for a heck of a show.

Cranston was able to mock the fact that not a lot of people know who he is, and did a good job at singing as well.

But after this great opening, the show seemed to go downhill, though it had a couple of high spots sprinkled in.

The top sketch of the night was "The Miley Cyrus Show", without a question.

This killer sketch starred newcomer Vanessa Bayer as a dimwitted version of the pop starlet.

Everything about her impersonation was flat-out funny, from the smile to the raspy voice to her hilarious take on Cyrus' bubbly OMG-speak.

Cranston got some giggles with a few lines as Miley's dad, Billy Ray, but it was another newbie,

Paul Brittain, who pushed the sketch to even bigger laughs with an a spot-on impression of Johnny Depp.

This sketch helped introduce viewers to new cast members who have great potential, including Jay Pharoah, whose spot on impression of Will Smith last week was a big hit.

However, after this very humorous sketch, nothing else did much for me.

Sure, seeing Morgan Freeman's facial expression while being interrupted by Keenan Thompson in the sketch "What Up With That" was great, as any time Morgan Freeman acts is a must watch. But after that, lackluster sketches hurt the show.

Thankfully, Kristen Wiig saved the episode.

This veteran of the show played vampy

bombshell Shanna who gets a basketball team's blood racing with her sexy-gross antics.

Nobody outdoes Wiig when it comes to go-for-broke gags like an endless burp and a fart-powered whistle.

Thank heaven for Kristen Wiig.

To end the show musical guest Kanye West performed and he made the most of the small stage, emerging from behind white sheets, surrounded by ballerinas doing an interpretative dance.

Kanye went all out. If this episode did not have Kanye West performing, this week's SNL would have been a dud.

Thankfully, Kanye delivered a great performance to help end this show.

Hopefully next week's episode can do much better than this week as they have *Glee* funny woman Jane Lynch as host.

Owls football back on track with shutout win over Bears

By Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

It was a picturesque afternoon for some football last Saturday, as Alumni Field was packed to capacity for the Family Day match-up between the Westfield State Owls and their MASCAC rivals, the Bridgewater State Bears.

With the Bears seated at 2-2 and the Owls resting at 1-3, this contest would have serious implications in both conference play and for the second half of the season for the two squads.

Westfield was able to pull ahead in the second half and take a 15-0 victory over Bridgewater, taking the Sodexo Trophy for the rivalry win.

Bridgewater won the coin toss, but chose to kick off to begin the game.

Westfield returned, and the game was under way.

Junior Running back Luke Johnson of South Attleboro was returning from an injury and let the Bears have it, rushing for 132 yards on 30 carries, including a touchdown in the third quarter for the game's first points.

The game also saw Junior Quarterback Dylan Smith (Worcester/ Burncoat) make his first collegiate start.

Smith proved that good things come to those who wait, as he went 7-11 passing for 98 yards, and rushed for a touchdown of his own for the game's final score.

The game saw the Owls challenged by the Bears spread, option happy offense, which was led by quarterback Mike McCarthy and running back Kyle Brodeur.

However, the Owls would proceed to make life rough for McCarthy, as he was picked off early by senior linebacker Bryan Anderson (Stoneham).

McCarthy was also sacked twice on the afternoon.

The Owls advanced the ball up-field as sophomore wideout Kevin Parnell (Berlin, CT) and Junior C.J. Franklin (Natick) would haul in two receptions apiece for 53 and 36 yards respectively.

But the man of the hour was Johnson, whose power rushing keyed the Owls offensive attack.

As the first half ended with a score of 0-0, the Owls regained their week one form, keeping the Bears at bay and never allowing them to come within striking distance.

Punter Chris Stengel (Baldwin, MD/ North Harford)

was a weapon on special teams, pushing the Bears into their own territory time and again, including a booming 60 yarder.

The defensive highlight of the day came with seven minutes to go in the second half when Bridgewater punt returner Nick Pistacchio returned a Stengel punt 41 yards and looked to give the Bears a touchdown.

Westfield sophomore Linebacker Anthony Renari (Ayer) had other ideas, however, roping Pistacchio in with a fish hook tackle in Westfield territory.

Ten seconds later, McCarthy was picked by sophomore defensive back Erik Wellhoff (Natick) to seal the Westfield victory.

After the game, Smith was ecstatic about his team's performance. "This was definitely more of a team win,"

he stated. "We played hard and limited turnovers. That's how you win football games."

When asked about his first career start, he was enthusiastic. "It's a great feeling, I'm glad I could get the win."

"I'm pumped for the team, though. This is just what we needed."

Stengel was also excited with the team's performance. "We beat them by a lot more than 15," he said. "We've been working real hard, and it showed today."

"We put it in (the end zone) when it counted. I'm satisfied with this win."

With the win, Westfield pulls even with Bridgewater at 2-3 on the season.

The Owls head to Castine, Maine tomorrow to face Maine Maritime Academy (3-1) at 1:00 p.m.

Men's soccer wins 2-0

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday night, the Westfield State Owls men's soccer team shutout Fitchburg State 2-0 in an action filled game.

The Owls came into the game following a tough 3-1 loss to Albertus Magnus College and they needed a boost to help them get over that loss.

Thankfully, Fitchburg State kindly agreed to help, coming into the game with a record of just 1-7.

The Falcons were no match for the Owls who were led by junior midfielder Kyle Yelin.

Yelin broke the game open early in the first half after receiving a nice pass from Josh Severns and scored his third goal of the season.

Yelin was not done yet, however, and later in the first half he connected with Justin Laliberte for a goal.

It was Laliberte's

second goal of the young season.

After getting help from his midfielders and defenders, goalie Jeff Pepoli did the rest and recorded 4 saves in the win.

The Falcons best opportunity to score came late in the first half when they were able to get Pepoli out of position and kicked a lob shot over his head.

But out of nowhere came speedy defender Chris Monette who saved the ball with an athletic bicycle kick to clear the ball out of danger.

The Owls outscored the Falcons in number of shots (14-9) as well as corners (7-2).

With the win, Westfield's record now goes to 7-3 (2-1 in MASCAC conference play) while the loss brings the Fitchburg's record to 1-8 (0-3 in conference play).

The Owls' next home game is against Salem State at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16.

McNabb returns to Philadelphia

By Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

Donovan McNabb returned to Philadelphia for the first time as a Redskin last Sunday afternoon.

Many people, myself included, were anxious to see what kind of reception he would get from the fans that threw snowballs at Santa Claus and booed McNabb when he was drafted.

Well sports fans, the Philly faithful pulled a fast one on us.

When McNabb entered the stadium there was a roar of cheers and a standing ovation waiting for him.

This was nice to see. I did not expect the fans of Philadelphia to do any such thing. But things changed pretty quickly.

After the Eagles went three and out on their

first drive and Brandon Banks had a huge punt return for Washington, McNabb stepped on to the grid iron of Lincoln Financial Field—the stadium that McNabb had played home games in since it was built.

This time he received a much different reaction from the fans. The entire stadium booed loudly for the whole first play.

McNabb met the chorus of boos with his signature smile and head nod.

The fans in Philly are actually pretty smart. They cheered for the accomplishments of the six time pro bowl quarterback, who lead their team for 11 years winning four consecutive NFC East Division titles as well as five NFC Championships and a Super Bowl appearance.

But then they showed us that they now see him as an enemy because he

plays for the rival Redskins.

Unfortunately for McNabb, who threw for 125 yards and a touchdown, his running backs stole the show.

Ryan Torain had 70 yards on the ground and a TD, and Clinton Portis had 55 yards in the Redskins 17-12 win over the Eagles.

It was fitting that the Redskins won the game by the the number that McNabb wore during his entire Philadelphia career, the number five.

"The relief I got was that this is over, that the whole hoopla and coming back to Philadelphia is over," McNabb said after the game.

In other news from the game, Philadelphia's new starting quarterback Michael Vick went down with a rib injury suffered in a big run play when he was stopped just shy of the goal line after being sandwiched between two Redskins players.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



I thought it was a joke when I first heard that the Patriots were considering trading Randy Moss to the Vikings on Tuesday afternoon. But the rumors and speculation quickly became serious and when I woke up Wednesday morning and Moss was officially a member of the Minnesota Vikings (I wonder if he still has a few old purple jerseys lying around anywhere). Wow. I couldn't believe that they actually traded their number one offensive weapon, outside of Tom Brady. Many people like the trade while others absolutely hate it. I wasn't a huge fan of the trade at first, but after giving it some thought I've quickly warmed up to the idea of seeing the Pats' offense without #81 lining up on the outside. This move shouldn't have taken any one by surprise. Just look at the moves New England has made over the past decade. Remember, we're talking about the franchise that traded Drew Bledsoe within the division for a high draft pick (the first round pick was used on defensive end Ty Warren). The same franchise that released disgruntled safety Lawyer Milloy five days before the start of the 2003 season. This is the same team that released star cornerback Ty Law rather than pay his massive salary in 2005. The same team that traded our former "star receiver" Deion Branch for a first round pick before the 2006 season (pick was used on Pro-Bowl safety Brandon Meriweather). This is the same team that packaged veteran Mike Vrabel to Kansas City for a second round draft pick (pick was used on safety Patrick Chung – that name ring a bell from the Monday night win over Miami?). The same team that traded Richard Seymour to Oakland in the final year of his contract right before the start of last season for a first round pick in 2011 (maybe the Pats will use that pick on Mark Ingram). And let's face it, none of those players outside of maybe Vrabel and Bledsoe (he did have a great year in 2002) have made much of an impact for their new teams. Branch in particular has looked like a completely average receiver for the Seahawks. In the 2011 Draft the Patriots will now have two picks each in rounds one through four. Based on the way New England usually drafts, that should be a lot of great young talent. Most teams would salivate over having that many draft picks, especially rebuilding teams like the Bills, Lions, Panthers and Browns. But let me emphasize the point that the 2010 New England Patriots are not a rebuilding team. They have a lot of young talent on both sides of the ball and in a few years we may be talking about a new dynasty with Tom Brady being the only remaining member from the teams of the early 2000s. But this team still has the ability to win this year and compete for a championship. The Pats have won before with a bunch of no name players. They'll have to do it again. Brandon Tate will need to go from special teams ace to Randy Moss Jr. He's the new deep threat on the outside. Aaron Hernandez will need to keep doing what he's doing. Rob Ninkovich will have to keep playing out of his mind at linebacker. This team is young but they remind me of Patriot teams of the early 2000s – a lot of young, unproven talent that plays with a chip on their shoulder. Those teams had no Randy Moss. They had Troy Brown, David Patten, J.R. Redmond and Jermaine Wiggins. Now it's time for Tate, Hernandez and Edelman. Moss had become disgruntled. He was upset with his role in the short passing offense and was becoming a distraction in the locker room. The 33-year old receiver was not going to be resigned in the offseason and it was clear that his stay in New England was coming to an end. The Patriots traded a fourth round pick in 2007 to acquire Moss. Three plus seasons and 259 receptions, 3,904 receiving yards and 50 touchdowns later, Moss has been traded for a third round pick – not a bad deal if you ask me. Good luck to Randy back in Minnesota. Gun slinger Brett Favre should have a good time throwing up bombs to Moss. I just hope Randy will feel more "appreciated" by the fans in Minnesota...

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STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 5 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, October 10.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 5 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
N.Y. Giants vs. Houston	HOU	HOU	NYG	HOU	HOU
Jacksonville vs. Buffalo	JAC	JAC	JAC	JAC	JAC
Chicago vs. Carolina	CHI	CHI	CAR	CHI	CAR
Atlanta vs. Cleveland	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL
Tampa Bay vs. Cincinnati	CIN	CIN	CIN	TB	CIN
Kansas City vs. Indianapolis	IND	IND	IND	KC	IND
Denver vs. Baltimore	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL
St. Louis vs. Detroit	STL	STL	DET	STL	DET
Green Bay vs. Washington	GB	WAS	GB	GB	GB
New Orleans vs. Arizona	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Tennessee vs. Dallas	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL
San Diego vs. Oakland	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD
Philadelphia vs. San Francisco	SF	SF	PHI	PHI	PHI
Minnesota vs. N.Y. Jets	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	MIN
Season Record	38-24	33-13	34-28	34-28	36-26
Congratulations to Week 4 Winner Shane Hogan (8-6)					
Bye Teams: Miami, New England, Pittsburgh, Seattle					

MLB playoff predictions: Phillies to win World Series

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

It's that time of the year when the best of the regular season come together and fight for the World Series Championship.

This fall classic has some interesting first round matchups with some familiar and different faces. Three of the eight teams in this year's playoffs were in the playoffs last season.

The Divisional matchups in the American League have the Texas Rangers playing the AL East Champion Tampa Bay Rays. The other matchup has the defending World Champion New York Yankees playing the AL Central champs, the Minnesota Twins.

The series between the Rangers and the Rays will be won by the team that hits the best. Both teams have exceptional pitching which has brought them to this point.

The Rays hitting failed to score runs in bunches down the stretch which is a huge concern in this series. On the other side, the Texas

Rangers have the one-two punch of Cliff Lee and Colby Lewis in their starting rotation.

Both of these guys are at the top of their game right now going into the playoffs. The Rangers will ultimately win this series because of their stout hitting.

With a revived Vladimir Guerrero and a healthy Josh Hamilton, I don't see how the Rays will be able to keep up with the high flying Rangers who are arguably the best hitting team in the majors.

The other ALDS game between the Yankees and Twins will be won with pitching. Both of these teams can break out a three or four run inning at any point. The Twins received some discouraging news days ago learning that Justin Morneau will be shut down for the entire postseason.

Morneau was hitting .345 with 18 homeruns before getting injured in early July.

The Yankees are entering this series after just missing out on the AL East title. In the end, I think the Yankees will prevail in this

series because their hitting is too much to handle.

Their three, four, and five hitters, Teixeira, A-Rod, and Cano, will win the series for the Yankees.

The NLDS invites in three new teams into this year's playoffs that weren't present a season ago. The Cincinnati Reds will face the defending NL champs, the Philadelphia Phillies.

In the other Divisional series matchup, the Atlanta Braves will go up against the San Francisco Giants.

The Reds-Phillies matchup in my opinion will be dominated by the hottest team in baseball, which is the Philadelphia Phillies. I don't see the Reds coming up with what would be the biggest upset of the first round for many reasons.

One of them would be that the Phillies, along with the Yankees, are the most experienced team in this year's playoffs. They've dominated the NL season after season with the same core players.

The second NLDS matchup between the Braves



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Roy Halladay leads the Phillies' pitching staff.

and Giants will be the closest matchup of all the Divisional series. These teams are so evenly matched; it has me really curious to see what is going to transpire in the next week or so.

I'll give the Giants the slight nod in this series because of their starting pitching. The

Giants have in my eyes the most complete rotation in the bigs. Each night, the Braves will face a great pitcher in Lincecum, Cain, Zito or Sanchez.

Final playoff prediction: The Phillies winning the World Series over the Rangers in six games.

Week four fantasy football studs and duds

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Quarterbacks are the backbone of an NFL team and this also sometimes translates over into fantasy football as well. This week the top three point getters were unfamiliar faces to the top spots.

David Garrard, Shaun Hill, and Kyle Orton had 24, 24, and 21 points respectively while our boy Peyton "CUT THAT MEAT" Manning came in 4th with 20 fantasy points.

Quarterbacks that had Southwest Airline "Wanna get away" moments were Matt Hasselbeck, Charlie Batch and Jay Cutler with performances getting them 4, 5, and -2 points respectively.

Now on to the studs at the workhorse position aka running back. Arian Foster of the Houston Texans took the top spot again as he posted 30 points against a weak Oakland Raiders defense.

LaDarian Tomlinson looked like his former San Diego self in week 4 putting, up 27 points as a member of the New York Jets. Jacksonville Jaguar running back Maurice Jones Drew or MJD as he is often referred to, finally had an impressive game with 24 points. Ray Rice was a big dud this week getting a mere 3 points against a tough Pittsburgh defense.

Marshawn Lynch got -1 point in his performance on a dismal Bills team. Chris Johnson, the number one

overall pick in most fantasy drafts, had a meager 5 points.

There is always a receiver that breaks out each week for a monster game and this week it happened to be Terrell Owens. TO came in tops in fantasy points this week for wideouts with 222 receiver yards and a TD.

Coming in second with 20 points was Calvin "The Freak" Johnson whom happens to be a player on my fantasy team.

Reggie Wayne, one of Peyton's favorite targets got himself, 17 fantasy points with 196 receiving yards. There was a fair share of duds this week as well.

Topping the charts would have to be our main man Randy Moss who was

held without a single reception the whole game and got 0 points. Another Moss by the first name of Santana also did not eat his Wheaties this week, gaining .5 points for yours truly. Hines Ward and Marques Colston also did not perform up their abilities this week earning 4 and 2 points respectively.

The flood Gates were open for fantasy points when Antonio Gates stepped on the field this week getting himself 26 points on 144 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Zach Miller of the Raiders and Dustin Keller of the Jets followed with 18 and 14 points respectively.

Duds at tight end this week were the ageless Tony Gonzalez, Heath Miller and Todd

Heap all getting around 3 points.

Our hometown New England Patriots led the way in fantasy football points with 33 as their special teams and defense put on a clinic against the Dolphins in their 41-14 Monday night victory.

The San Diego Chargers defense also had a big week against Arizona as they earned 28 points for their owners.

The New York Giants, our favorite team to hate (other than the Colts) also posted very impressive numbers as they had 9 sacks in the game and put up 23 fantasy points.

Defenses that wished they could replay their games because of their horrid performances were Indianapolis, Miami, and Cincinnati.

Libra

(September 23 – October 22)

If you haven't been paying enough attention to your own intuition lately, you should know by now that that little voice inside you is often right. You need to realize that you could really benefit from letting your intuition help guide your actions

Scorpio

(October 23 – November 21)

Some social plans ought to be providing you with plenty of good times. And you're bound to end up having quite a good time with a number of different friends and acquaintances.

Sagittarius

(November 22 – December 21)

Plenty of recognition and appreciation for all your efforts is bound to be coming your way. And the things that you do at this time could end up contributing a great deal to your long-term success.

Capricorn

(December 21 – January 20)

You should be exuding a little more charm and charisma. And you ought to be able to attract plenty of people to your side without all that much effort.

Aquarius

(January 21 – February 19)

No matter how much advice you end up getting from others about some financial issues, just realize that your own instincts should be pretty good when it comes to money matters.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You should be ready to take advantage of some unexpected opportunities where your relationships are concerned. You're bound to be feeling extremely positive and will undoubtedly want to share your good spirits with others.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Do what you can to get yourself organized. Just remember to be realistic about your expectations concerning a professional or financial matter, and try not to be too impatient.

Taurus

(April 21 – May 21)

Don't be afraid to share your feelings with those you care about. You should be able to enjoy plenty of fun and romance with the special people in your life this week.

Gemini

(May 22 – June 21)

There's bound to be something on your mind that you're afraid to talk about. You'll be a little reluctant to discuss certain things because you really don't want to rock the boat.

Cancer

(June 22 – July 22)

If there seems to be a lot of confusion swirling around you, don't worry. A number of important questions should be answered before the end of the week.

Leo

(July 23 – August 23)

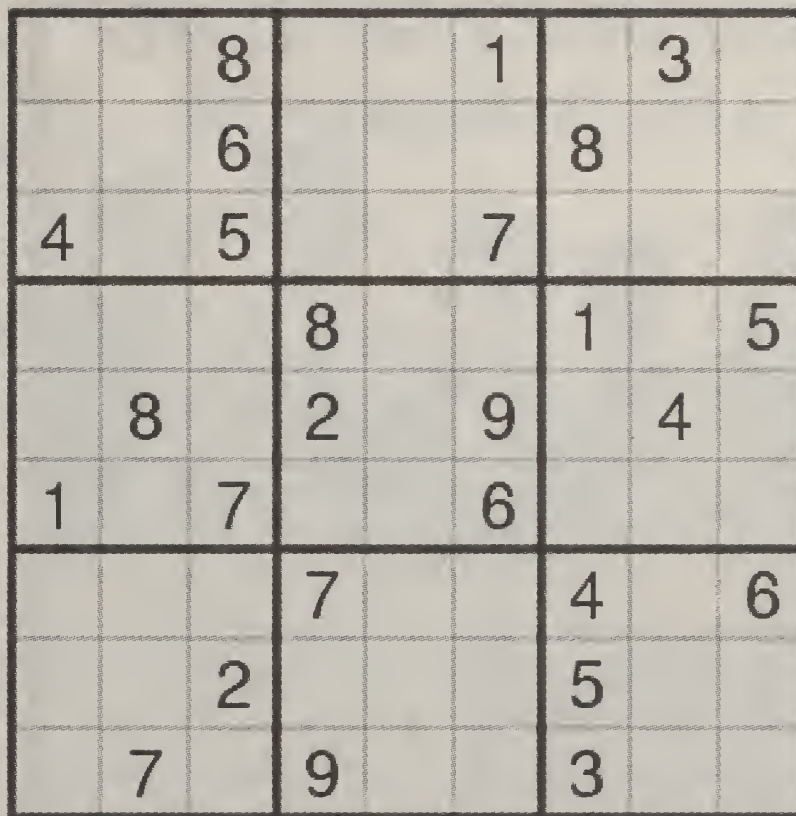
Just remember to focus as much of your energy as you can on sorting out any career or money matters. Even if you're feeling a little impatient with some delays, you should be moving closer to some of your most important objectives.

Virgo

(August 24 – September 22)

You'll really be the one to step up and take charge this week. And you ought to be able to make things look effortless no matter how difficult they may be. If your confidence level has been rising, you could really be eager for a few new challenges.

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Battle over banners on Western Ave. continues

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

In an ongoing struggle over the past two and a half years, Westfield State University and the City of Westfield still have not come up with an agreement over banner placements on Western Avenue.

According to Ken Magarian, Director of Special Programs and Community Service in the Division of Advancement & College Relations, this issue has exceeded beyond two and a half years.

"About seven or eight years ago," said Magarian, "the president wanted to put banners on the property."

He said that at the time, there were no rules or regulations for banners.

The plan was to put the banners on utility poles on the University property along Western Ave.

The poles are jointly owned by Westfield Gas & Electric and Verizon.

The University submitted a contract with both companies and the banners were put up last spring. However, the banners were taken down in August.

Allegedly, the University did not consult with neighbors on

Western Ave. and surrounding streets.

The neighbors were not happy with the banners.

Mary O'Connell, Ward Four Councilor, said that residents "were upset over illegal banners."

O'Connell explained that there is a Cease and Desist Order over the banner placement on Western Ave. and that the application that the University submitted with the City is in process.

According to Magarian, a petition was signed by 50 people against the banners.

On October 4th, 2010, there was a Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Meeting in the Horace Mann Center regarding such banners.

The mission statement of the NAB states that the mission is to "promote positive relationships and mutual respect between the Westfield State College community and the residents of the neighborhoods impacted by college operations."

At the meeting there were a "number of hostile neighbors who spoke against the college and the banners," according to Magarian.

On Thursday, October 7th, there was a City Council meeting relating to the banners.

The requests for banners on Western Ave. were formally withdrawn.



Photo courtesy of the Marketing Department of WSU
These are the banners that will be places on Western Avenue after the issue with the city is cleared up.

Councilman James Brown motioned for the request to go through the Westfield Department of Public Works after a new ordinance is created.

A vote for that motion

will be held at Westfield City Hall on October 21st.

The next NAB meeting is scheduled sometime in November.

The topic of banner placement will be addressed.

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Friday, October 15

4:00p.m. - Yoga
Dickison Commons
Room

8:30p.m. - Trivia/
Movie: Twilight Saga
Eclipse
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, October 16

1:00p.m. - Football vs.
Coast Guard
Alumni Field

10:00p.m. - Third
World Organization:
West Indies Party
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, October 17

3:00p.m. - Senior
Recital: Rachel Ryan,
Composer
Dever Stage

8:30p.m. - Movie:
Twilight Saga Eclipse
Ely Main Lounge

Westfield's Owl Bucks good on and off campus

By Abigail Geraghty
Voice Reporter

There are many purposes for the Westfield Campus Card.

The card can get you meals from any of the campus food programs like the Dinning Commons, Pandini's, Jazzman's, Quixotes, Dunkin Donuts, Subway, and more.

Some of the other purposes of the card are identification purpose, usage in the bookstore, vending machines on campus and the laundry machines on campus.

If you want to mix things up a little with meals there are penalty of places off campus that you can have a sit down meal or order out too.

These places include:

Applebee's, Bell Italian Pizzeria, Billy C's Jerky, Daily Grind Coffee House & Cafe, Dominos Pizza, Elm Pizza Inc.

Four Main Street, Fratellis Trattoria & Pizzeria, Friendly's, Gigi's Pizza, Good Table Restaurant, Park River Market and more.

But what are students' favorite places to use Owl Bucks? Applebess, Westfield Wok, Subway, Real China, Friendly's and The Grille are just a few places where students use their Owl Bucks.

It is nice that there are many places that accept Owl Bucks, but students said that they would like Stop & Shop, Price Right, Taco Bell, McDonalds, Wal-Mart, and Wendy's to accept owl bucks too.

You should treat your card like cash don't

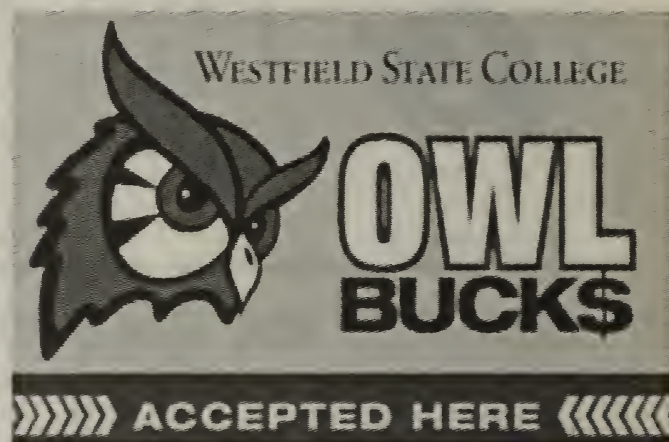


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The campus card known as Owl Bucks are useful in places on campus and off.

go over board with it. in Wilson Hall or report it
Do not lend your card online at managemyid.com.
to anyone, if you lost your You can add some
card then report it immediately money to your card by
to the campus card center going to that website, also.

Fun activities to welcome the autumn months

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

Are you looking for fun fall activities?

Sunderland, about a 45 minute drive from Westfield State's campus, is home of Mike's Maze.

Mike's Maze is a corn maze that is formed into a different shape every year and is open from the end of August until Halloween.

This years'

maze is shaped to look like a traditional can of Campbell's tomato soup.

They are open weekends and holidays from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Other than the maze, they also offer pumpkin picking and several other fall produces.

A little bit closer to home is Kosinski Farms located right in Westfield on Russellville Street.

They have a variety

of offerings from apples, squash, and pumpkins to apple cider, as well as home-baked muffins, pies cookies and breads.

Kosinski Farms is open Monday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. It is open April through October and offers different varieties of produce based on the season.

Also in Westfield is West Parish Orchard located on Granville Street.

Open from Labor

Day until Thanksgiving, weekdays 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and weekends 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Similar to Kosinski Farms, West Parish sells apples and a variety of baked goods, in addition to honey, jam, apple butter maple syrup and apple cider.

So whether your looking for pre-made goodies, fresh produce or pumpkins to carve, you've got a variety of options close to home.

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Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Join the impact to help prevent bullying

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

In the past few weeks, news stations have been riddled with stories of adolescences committing suicide after being bullied about their sexual orientation.

A local Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) group, "Join the Impact MA", held a candle-light vigil for those lost on Tuesday October 5, 2010.

"Join the Impact MA" organized this vigil, which included music and speakers, who urged action on new anti-bullying laws.

According to their website, "Join the Impact MA", is "committed to full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identified people."

They hope to spread awareness and understanding about a sometimes misunderstood topic.

"Join the Impact MA" meets Monday evenings



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LGBTQ held a candle light vigil for those that were lost on October 5, 2010 due to bullying.

at Fisher College located in Boston, MA and are always open to new members and ideas.

The group also has several other upcoming events including transgendered

awareness week, which is from October 13 and October 20, 2010.

Another way to

honor those who committed suicide is to take part in National Spirit Day, which is set to take place on October 20, 2010.

Those wishing to participate should wear purple on that day.

Purple was chosen due to the fact that it represents spirit on the national LGBTQ flag.

There are also opportunities to become involved with the National Gay and Lesbian task force, who are currently planning for their upcoming 23rd annual "Creating Change" workshop.

This year's conference is set to be held in Minnesota in the first week of February 2011.

"Creating Change" features over 200 workshops and training sessions.

Those who attend are also encouraged to connect with others fighting for the same cause.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task force also host other events like the National Day of Silence, an annual even that occurs in April.

October Twentieth: wear purple for spirit day

By Curtis Whitman
Voice Reporter

You know it's October when a cold wind clasps you while strolling to your next class as the monotonous bleat of geese pitch overhead as they journey southwards, the haze of red and orange lighting up campus as if a spotlight while the sweet smell of pumpkins are abound. It is the autumn we all know.

What some may not know is the significance of October the twentieth next Wednesday in promoting unification by remembering the death of Tyler Clementi and ten other homo-

sexual teenagers who all took their own lives due to gay bashing by fellow peers.

No matter your sexuality, the death of anyone is disheartening.

Fortunately, a Facebook group called October 20th: Spirit Day-Wear PURPLE! is already stirring support for these fallen youths by issuing a proclamation to wear purple next week on October twentieth.

For those unaware of the LGBTQ society (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual or Queer), purple or violet represents SPIRIT on the rainbow flag, the universal symbol for sexual individuality.

And on that day, from

midnight to eleven-thirty at night, you can show your support for these teens and to make an effort to stop homophobic abuse by wearing an article of purple clothing.

On the flag, the autumn months of red and orange symbolize LIFE and HEALING.

So to help save lives and to join together to heal those hurting from homophobia, spread the word of Spirit Day on the twentieth of October.

This movement already has nearly twenty-eight thousand supporters on Facebook and is for everyone to join, gay or not, in remembrance of these eleven teens and the many more who have met the same fate.

For more information on upcoming or past events of either

Join the Impact MA or the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, visit their respective websites: [www.](http://www.jointheimpactma.com)

jointheimpactma.com and www.thetaskforce.org.

The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

There was considerable excitement in the medical community recently, as it was reported that United States doctors had begun treating the first patient to receive human embryonic stem cells, in a procedural trial conducted by Geron Corporation.

There has been a lot of discussion, both pro and con, regarding this new age medical discovery.

The excitement about stem cell research is due to the myriad of reported medical benefits in areas of regenerative medicine and therapeutic cloning.

Many say stem cells can be the "missing link" in curing many diseases and illnesses.

These include different kinds of cancers, spinal cord injuries, diabetes, Alzheimer's, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's, MS and more.

This is exciting news for anyone who could stand to gain from such a modern miracle.

Now there are three different categories of stem cells, usually related to how they are harvested.

The first kind is called adult harvested stem cells, which come from blood, cord blood, skin and other tissues.

These cells are usually found in living human bone marrow.

Umbilical cords have also been utilized for providing stem cells.

Procurement of these cells are not always readily accessible, and do cause some discomfort to human hosts.

But the method that technically is the most

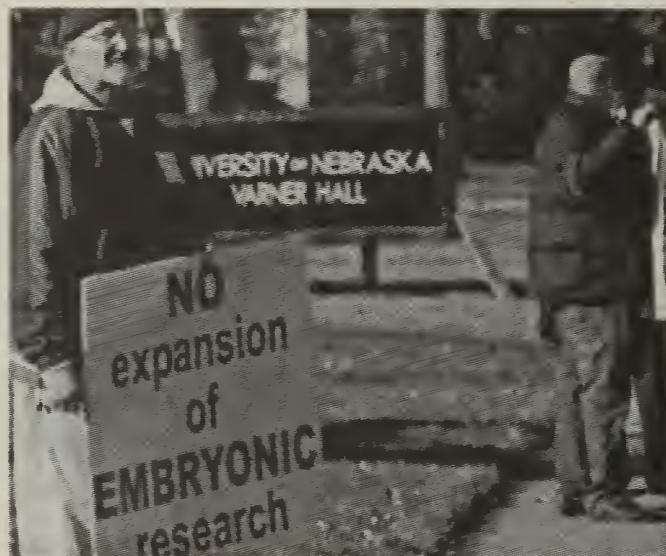


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These are just some of the people that are protesting against stem cell research.

effective, but also causes the most controversy is the use of embryonic derived stem cells.

This procedure involves the destruction of cellular blastocysts formed from laboratory fertilized human eggs.

Despite the calls for implementing this method which at face value seems faultless, there are those of us who believe that life begins at conception, and the blastocyst is truly a human life and to destroy it is immoral and highly unacceptable.

This issue is the only roadblock standing in the way of stem cell research in America.

Although President Bush vetoed a bill on federally funded stem cell research, in 2009, President Obama overturned Bush's ruling freeing up federal funds for research.

Obviously all human suffering and sickness need to be treated, and research for new cures are a work in progress, but at what cost to humanity in general?

Additional funding should be invested in adult cell

and umbilical blood harvesting.

There is too much of an ethical dilemma in embryonic cell harvesting to warrant further experimentation.

Without mincing words, many people consider this selective murder.

These are embryos which would eventually become babies if not for this experimentation.

Human spare parts cultivation is what's being discussed here, and it scares me to death.

Many pro stem cell advocates argue that it is legally and morally justifiable to kill a few in order to save many.

Pro-lifers say that it is never acceptable to kill a human being, no matter what the potential benefits may be.

Scientists should conduct studies in which no humans are killed to obtain stem cells, and no patients are harmed from receiving them.

Instead, funding for adult stem cell research should be increased, because human beings should not be considered biological raw material.

We are better than that.

Student Spotlight



Megan Millette

Hometown: Belchertown, MA

Major: Elementary Ed. / Psychology

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I hope to be a fourth grade teacher.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

Home by She & Him.

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?

Dorothy Parker, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Johnny Depp. No food would be served, just lots of coffee to keep the conversation going.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

The first time I taught a lesson to a fifth grade class during 30 hours of observation for my Ed. course. It really just solidified my belief in the teaching profession.

Lucky number?

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If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The Angry Liberal



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People gather in support of stem cell research to save lives.

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Finally, stem cell research is getting somewhere.

Last week, the first human embryonic stem cell trial began.

Sponsored by Geron Corporation, the trial began when a patient, who has suffered a spinal cord injury, was injected with the stem cells.

According to the Geron CEO, the anticipated result will repair the damage that was caused by the spinal cord injury and "permanently regenerate tissue."

This trial has the goals of determining safety and providing hope for the person who has the paralysis in this case.

Although trials have been conducted on animals for a few years, this is the first human trial with embryonic stem cells.

The stem cell research question has remained a controversial topic in recent

years, and the arguments about government funding have dragged on as well.

Whether or not government funding is appropriate, however, people who protest stem cell research on the grounds that it violates a right to life do not have valid claims.

First of all, embryonic stem cells are taken from the in vitro fertilization process, and thus on their own, cannot survive outside of the womb.

Also, more than one-third of all embryos fertilized not via the in vitro fertilization process, do not implant and so more are lost naturally than are lost by stem cell research.

Finally, so many embryos are created using in vitro fertilization that they will be discarded and wasted anyways.

Because of the excess amount of unused embryos, they become waste.

Is it logical to throw these embryos away simply because they had potential to be humans instead of using

them to try to cure people who are suffering with diseases?

No, it is not logical, which is why this new human embryonic stem cell trial is such a significant step. Even if the trial is not a complete success or if it fails outright, there is no denying the importance of it.

In this trial and in the prior research, scientists have tried to provide a cure for many diseases.

The research would not be a waste or a failure, because trial and error experiments will only lead to more perfected strategies about how to provide cures for these diseases, which may include Parkinson's, diabetes, muscular dystrophy, heart disease (which is the leading cause of death in the United States), and even hearing loss.

All eyes are on the trial and one can only hope it is a success. If it is, the lives of many Americans, and people all around the world, will be positively changed.

Editor's Desks



Hey!

So... we are conjoined today as you can tell. It's a good thing we get along, huh?

I guess I (Alex) will start off since Samantha is elsewhere. I had a busy, but fun, long weekend at home. I went to the Topsfield Fair! Those of you that are from Eastern, MA might know what I am referring to. If not, well... then you're missing out!

I also picked up a few shifts at my lovely job: Shaw's. Hey, why not make some money while I'm home right?

That pretty much sums up my weekend and life today. I don't really know what else to say except have a good weekend & pray that the nice weather stays! Samantha... you're on!

Gee, thanks Alex! Um... well... I guess I should talk about my weekend? I worked...and worked... and um, oh yeah. Worked.

My parents and in Hawaii and I'm SO JEALOUS! On Monday they went on that 70 ft. long (or high, I'm not really sure) zipline all above the trees and things! Then yesterday they went on a cruise. And today they went horseback riding. I went to Build-A-Bear... to work.

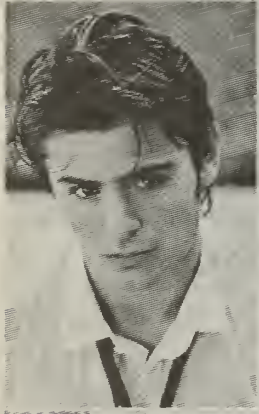
Anyway! Have a nice weekend everyone! I'm staying here... and NOT working!!

Alex & Samantha
Co-Editors-In-Chief

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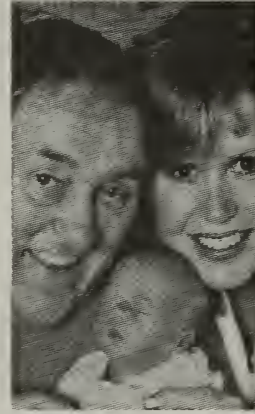
Zac Efron – Born Oct 18, 1987



Zachary David Alexander Efron was born in San Luis Obispo, California. He was quoted as saying

that he would “flip out” if he got a B instead of an A on a test and he came out of high school with a 4.3 GPA. His father encouraged him to begin acting when he was 11 years old, along with singing. During high school he participated in plays such as Peter Pan, Little Shop of Horrors, and Music Man. His drama teacher recommended him to an agent in Los Angeles. He became widely known by audiences after his role on Disney channel’s High School Musical and the WB show Summerland. He really hit it big when he got a main part in the 2007 film version of the Broadway musical Hair-spray. Since then he has starred in films like 17 Again and Charlie St. Cloud.

Dawson Family – Died Oct 16, 2002



Carnell Dawson, his wife Angela and their five children were all murdered in Baltimore, Mary-

land. Angela repeatedly reported to the police instances of her neighbors participating in drug dealing, assault, and other crime. After repeated vandalism of their home, the Dawson family survived a first arson attempt on October 3, 2002. The second time their house was firebombed, the family of seven could not escape in time.

A neighbor, Darrell Brooks, pled guilty and was sentenced to life without parole. In 2005, relatives of the Dawson family filed a law suit against the city, the state, and various other agencies for neglecting to correct the drug and violence problem. The house where the family died was reopened in 2007 as the Dawson Safe Haven Community Center.

Speaker Series: Dr. Timothy Black

By Brittany Bones
Voice Reporter

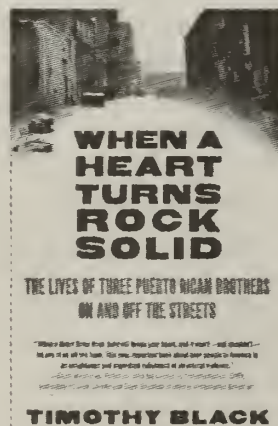
Last Monday, the Westfield State University Speaker Series focused on author and professor Dr. Timothy Black, who spoke about his novel, “When Heart Turns Rock Solid: The Lives of Three Puerto Rican Brothers On and Off the Streets.”

The full sized audience was made mainly of Sociology majors and Ethnic Studies students with notebook and pen in hand ready to listen and learn from the impressive man in a suit and tie.

Many within the audience attentively listened to the soft-spoken Dr. Black as he explained his passion for his work and his subjects: three Puerto Rican brothers from Springfield.

He dedicated 18 years of observation and analysis to the responses of the brother’s social changes throughout the years.

Dr. Black spoke of



the journey he took through this experience and how he learned a lot about Puerto Ricans culturally, especially those residing in Springfield.

He went in depth about Springfield’s glory days as the cradle of New England’s industrial hub.

He gave background for our neighboring city that many, including myself as a local to Springfield, didn’t know about the history, struggle, and transformations

that Springfield has undergone.

According to Dr. Black the theme throughout his book and research is that “Man is out of place and with no place.”

Through this generation’s lack of direction throughout the years he saw a growing trend; barriers that often affected men from transitioning from the streets to the workplace.

He talked about the brothers and mentioned each individual and their struggles back then and where are they now.

Throughout the presentation Dr. Black thoroughly went over the different aspects that affected the brothers and gave a unique prospective being an outsider observing their lives.

Although many students quickly filed out at the end, many stayed and asked questions related to Dr. Black’s experience as well as how the brothers feel today about the book written about them.

Speaker Series Dates

Alan Dershowitz

Attorney

Monday, October 18, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Fawzia Afzal-Khan

Gender and Culture in Pakistan; Shattering the Stereotypes

Monday, October 25, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Wilson Auditorium B & C

Attend these events for a chance to earn prizes with the Owl Advantage Program

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Bruno Mars - Just the Way You Are
2. Like A G6 - Far*East Movement ft. Cataracs & Dev
3. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
4. Nelly - Just A Dream
5. DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love - Usher ft. Pitbull
6. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
7. Love The Way You Lie - Eminem ft. Rihanna
8. Only Girl (In The World) - Rihanna
9. I Like It - Enrique Iglesias ft. Pitbull
10. Club Can't Handle Me - Flo Rida ft. David Guetta

Top Movies

1. The Social Network
2. Like as We Know It
3. Secretariat
4. Legend of the Guardians
5. My Soul to Take

Top 10 Albums

1. Kenny Chesney - Hemingway's Whiskey
2. Lil Wayne - I Am Not A Human Being
3. Zac Brown Band - You Get What You Give
4. Gucci Mane - The Appeal: Georgia's Most Wanted
5. Eminem - Recovery
6. Eric Clapton - Clapton
7. Trey Songz - Passion, Pain & Pleasure
8. Linkin Park - A Thousand Suns
9. Maroon 5 - Hands All Over
10. Selena Gomez & The Scene - A Year Without Rain

Remembering John Lennon: Concert Review

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On October 8, 2010, the eve before the day John Lennon would have turned seventy years old, I attended a John Lennon tribute concert- "Remember Lennon: Imagine 70."

I didn't know what to expect. Being a huge John Lennon fan (both with The Beatles and solo), I was hoping for a good show.

I didn't just get to see a great show; I got to experience one of the best concerts I have been to in awhile.

Peter Gendron portrayed John Lennon and played both guitar and keyboard.

His backing band consisted of six other musicians, all of whom were very talented.

Peter and his band did John great justice.

The show began with a screen behind the band showing a projection of early events in John's life, including WWII and pictures of The Beatles with a backdrop of classic Beatles tunes.

Peter finally came onstage in one of John's signature outfits: the white suit, as seen on the cover of The Beatles' Abbey Road.

I was taken aback by how much he looked and sounded like John.

He opened the concert with a few of my favorite songs, plus many more: "Working Class Hero," "God," and "Mother".

When he played "Mother", tears came to my eyes for the first time of many that night.

Throughout the show, Peter talked about John's life as if he was actually John.

I learned bits and pieces of history that I did not know, which was pretty neat.

For a brief interlude, Peter went behind the stage and

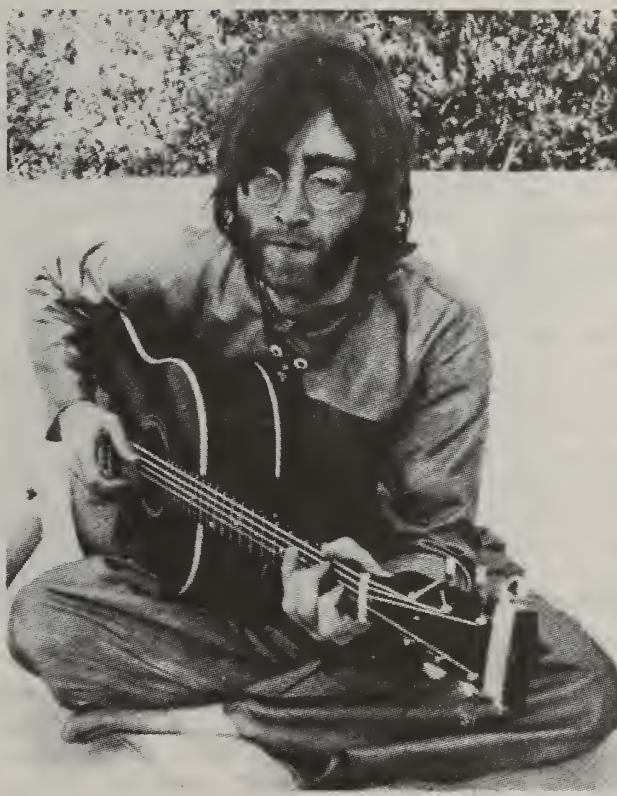


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changed into one of John's other famous outfits: his army suit as seen in interviews, and the music video for "Nobody Told Me."

This set included "Imagine," "Rock and Roll Music," and a very heartfelt "Mind Games."

After "Mind Games," he played a song that never fails to bring tears to my eyes- "Jealous Guy"- with all the passion and wistfulness that you can hear when you listen to John sing it.

After another intermission, Peter Gendron came back onstage changed yet again.

He was wearing a New York City shirt, and a black suit jacket.

For this set, he played "Revolution #1," "Dear Prudence," "Beautiful Boy (Darling Boy)," and others.

He played "Woman," John's ballad for Yoko sorrowfully, yet lovingly, just like how John sounds on the original recording.

play "In My Life," one of my favorite Beatles songs.

After "In My Life," Peter left the stage, but came back on for an encore.

For the first song, he launched into "All You Need Is Love."

The audience sang and clapped along.

For the final song of the evening, he played one of John's most famous protest songs, "Give Peace A Chance." Everyone clapped along.

Peter left the stage with a couple bows and kisses blown to the audience.

As he left the stage he called out, "And a Happy Seventieth Birthday to John."

After the show, I stood outside near the front of the Calvin Theatre.

Peter came out and met some of the fans who had been waiting there, including myself.

He was a nice guy, and did a great job portraying John.

I'm sure if John had been alive to see him, he would have been pleased.

I left the Calvin with that sense of happiness and completeness that listening to John's songs gives me.

It was a fabulous night, and I am glad that I had a chance to experience it.

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Movie Review: The Social Network defines our generation

By Wilson Belbin
Voice Reporter

When word of a Facebook movie arrived, many thought it was just another cash grab riding a popular trend of the moment.

No one thought it would become not only one of the best movies of the year, much less a movie I believe will later define our generation.

Similar to "The Breakfast Club" that is said to define the people of the 1980's, I believe that "The Social Network" will be seen as a movie that defines the Internet obsessed people of today.

I am in absolute love with this movie. It has potential to become an instant classic.

With killer performances and one of the smartest, wittiest scripts ever written, "The Social Network" is not only extremely entertaining but says something about the many 20-somethings who wander the internet all day.

After seeing the movie I was amazed that although the entire movie was simply dialogue, it was so intense and engaging that you don't realize that all they are doing is talking.

It follows Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, and how it and how two different lawsuits came to be.

The seamless editing of the film blends these three different stories gracefully.

Acting-wise, the two real standouts acting wise were Jesse Eisenberg as Mark Zuckerberg and Andrew Garfield as Zuckerberg's best friend Eduardo Suarverin. Many will say that Jesse Eisenberg is just playing himself, but his performance is absolutely brilliant.

He melts away into the character and delivers dialogue in an empty but at the same time witty way.

The real new discovery here is Andrew Garfield he is the emotional core of the film. Without his performance "The Social Network"



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would be devoid of emotion.

Every scene being equal parts slick, charming, and emotionally centered he is a star ready to be born.

Justin Timberlake also does a good job here playing a manipulative and sleazy businessman, but in the end

it seems like stunt casting to bring popularity to the movie.

The real star here should stand up and take a bow: Aaron Sorkin's adapted screenplay is just short of brilliant.

The dialog, as one would expect, crackles and pops, but beneath that is

the strong thematic pulse of a very human story.

All tied together with beautiful cinematography and a unconventional but effective original score, The Social Network not only tells us the story about Facebook but it also tells the story of our generation.

M. Night Shyamalan redeems himself with the movie Devil

By Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

Poor M. Night Shyamalan. After "The Happening" and the joke known as "The Last Airbender", what credibility did he have left with his audiences?

Luckily, with "Devil", in theaters now, it is safe to say he has redeemed himself.

What probably saved this movie from crashing and burning is that while Shyamalan created the story the movie is based on, it was written and directed by other people.

The movie is about five strangers trapped in an elevator, and you are led to believe one has got to be the Devil, as someone within the elevator keeps killing off the



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others without anyone knowing who, including the security staff helplessly watching from a surveillance camera.

But which one is

the Devil? Each character is given equally good reason for you to believe they are or aren't them. Is the devil the mysterious man whose

name was not on the sign up sheet? Is it the furniture salesman who seems to be harassing the others?

The film doesn't

disappoint, with a classic M. Night twist ending as promised which ties all loose ends together.

If M. Night had written the script, the dialogue would have been his typical cheesy overly dramatic one-liners. Thankfully, it isn't.

True to usual Shyamalan form, the film contains a 'Believer' and a 'Skeptic,' one person to have a ready and detailed explanation for the bizarre phenomena, and the other to say "Wow, that's dumb" until their faith is restored in God and they believe again.

If you're a fan of his work, then this is M. Night at his best.

If you're not a fan you might still feel decently about this one. In either case, please don't ever see "The Happening".

Neil Young: Le Noise review

By Lewis Pacheco
Voice Reporter

The most Canadian of America's national treasures, Neil Young has been recording for nearly 40 years, alternating between records in the country-folk and hard rock veins and influencing generations with both.

His consistency has gone down the toilet since the 70's ended, but whenever tragedy hits his life he always retaliates with a masterful record.

The dark precedent for this trend arrived in 1975: Tonight's the Night, a twin elegy for his Crazy Horse bandmate Danny Whitten and roadie Bruce Berry.

His latest, *Le Noise*, falls right in this pattern.

Upon the passing of his long time producer and sideman Ben Keith, Neil hooked up with Daniel Lanois (U2, Bob Dylan, Peter Dinklage) to record a dark and introspective set featuring only Neil's voice and guitar.

The opener "Walk With Me" is surprising for two reasons, the first being

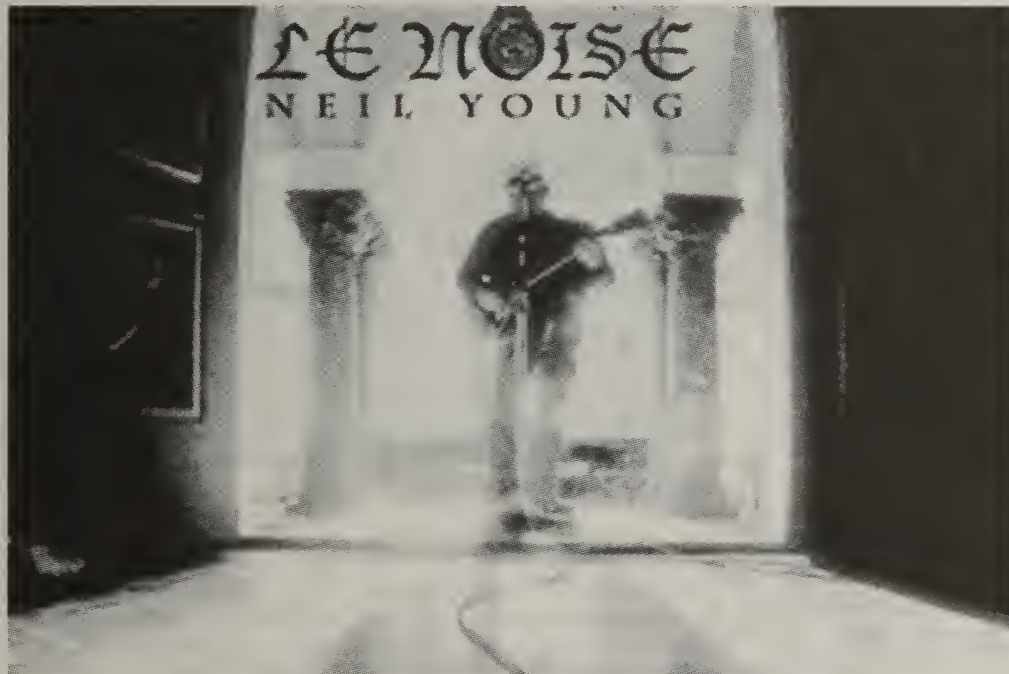


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how much like Pete Townsend Neil's voice and riffs sound, the second being how the recording actually sounds.

Despite the track (and the entire album) being just Neil and a guitar, the soundscape Daniel Lanois creates is stunning.

Lanois transforms Neil's ancient Les Paul into an army of instruments and burbling electronics, creating

a perfect middle point between his singer-songwriter and noisemaker modes, plus a little shoegaze thrown in.

On "Love and War," he switches from the electric for Hank Williams' acoustic and goes into protest singer mode.

Unlike his last record, *Fork in the Road*, which told listeners what to think about global warming, on this song he simply plants in his listeners the

image of a mother trying to tell her children why their soldier father won't be coming home again. Definitely enraging.

Another highlight is "Hitchhiker," where over an angry riff Neil surprises even long time listeners with a strikingly autobiographical song.

He relates to listeners—or perhaps confesses a history of drug abuse leading to

paranoia, shedding new light on previous songs.

Somehow, he finds himself with a loving wife and kids, clean and alive, and he definitely counts himself lucky.

The penultimate track "Peaceful Valley Boulevard" is where Neil's darkness reaches its peak.

He sings an epic tale of man's negative impact on the Earth over a Hendrixian riff, making the song a sort of sad sequel to "After the Gold Rush."

He cites the hunting of the buffalo and the rise of California culture to tell a greater tale of innocence lost.

The closer, "Rumblin,'" ends the album on a much lighter note.

The song has a slight Radiohead feel, which is understandable given how much Thom Yorke idolizes Neil.

Neil asks himself "When will I learn how to give back?/When will I learn how to heal?" giving himself hope for the future.

It's another relevant question from the ageless master that we all ask ourselves in this cynical, seemingly apocalyptic age.

Rating: 5/5

English Club Interest Meeting:

When: Friday, October 15

4:00 pm

Where: Bates 111

We will be discussing each others' creative work. Bring your poetry, prose, or fiction, or just come to listen.

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English Majors:

Are you interested in graduate school?

We will have an informational meeting in which English faculty will answer your questions and share information about the graduate school application process, the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and other related issues.

When: Tuesday, October 19

6:30 pm

Where: Bates 118

"The Challenge" is back and better than ever

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

There was only one thing that could cheer me up as I was dealing with the loss of Randy Moss, and that was the return of "The Challenge."

This is the 20th season of this hit MTV show that puts cast members from seasons of "The Real World," "Road Rules," and "Fresh Meat" in missions where teams face off and get rewarded with fabulous prizes and of course money.

This season, "Cut Throat," takes place in the Czech Republic and splits 30 players into three separate teams, (red, gray, and blue).

There are many memorable cast members viewers could never forget about: Katie, whose loud mouth and fights are always a treat; the return of Brad, who last time viewers saw him had a black eye

from a fight with Darrell; Paula, who is on her seventh challenge and still looking to win.

In the first episode, we see the players running to a place called the Gulag (which looks like a crazy torture chamber) where the kids are going to compete in order to stay in the game.

Captains are chosen by whoever finished the race to the Gulag last, who were Camilla, Emilee, and Shauvon. After the usual getting to know one another time at the house, the fun finally begins.

Viewers get to see drunken fights, hookups, and more fights. One highlight is Gray Team members Laurel and Shauvon getting into an argument about wrestling, which is funny because both are so drunk it becomes humorous.

The first challenge is so confusing that I do not even think that I can explain it properly. The



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three teams had to put together a multi-layered puzzle whose diagrams were in a lockbox.

The only problem was that in order to get the combinations for the lockbox two team members had to run into a gas chamber where the combinations are written

on two opposing walls.

The gas is very challenging for all the teams and in the end only one team is able to pull off a victory. The other two teams then have to play a fierce elimination round, which one team dominates- I won't give away which.

The first episode of this new season was amazing, but looking at the previews for upcoming episodes looks even better.

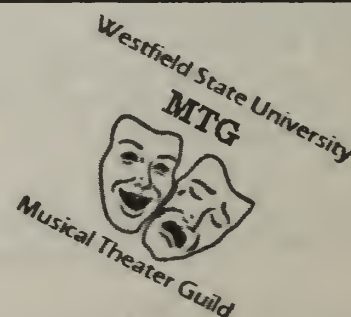
This is because of the return of one man: CT. "The Challenge" is on Wednesday nights at 10 p.m. on MTV.

Local Student-Run Theatre Group Presents Fall 2010 Production

Westfield State University's Musical Theatre Guild presents *Curtains* for its Fall 2010 production. This hysterical murder mystery whodunit showcases Boston detective and musical theatre aficionado, Frank Cioffi, as he tries to solve the murder of the show-within-the-show's lead actress, as well as how to fix the production after the terrible reviews it received from area newspapers.

The production, directed by senior Kasey Sheehan and junior Brian Cipoletta, stars freshmen Barrett Tamaren-Leddy as Detective Frank Cioffi and Lindsay DeWinkleer as Niki Harris, sophomores Jamie Faulkner as Carmen Bernstien and Topher Holmes as Aaron Fox, junior Libby Boland as Georgia Hendricks, and senior Tyler Cavanagh as Oscar Shapiro.

The show will take place at Westfield State University's Dever Auditorium in Parenzo Hall at 7:30 p.m. on October 28, 29, 30, and at 2 p.m. on October 30. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and faculty of the college, and \$2 for students.



Meet the Owls: Rachael Cardin, WSU cross country team



teams practicing together really gets us in the right mind frame to race. We're motivated by each other's performance. Coach Devine is also so knowledgeable about the sport and he knows what buttons to push to get us going.

Q: When did you start running cross country?

RC: Well, I graduated from a small high school, so I was running Varsity Cross Country for Sutton when I was in the 7th grade.

Q: What're your thoughts on the sport?

RC: For female runners, we hit our peak at a younger age, so it's definitely a much different challenge in college then in high school. It's a very mental sport. You have to prepare just like athletes in team sports do, because, just like playing against

another team, each race is different, each course is different, and you have to attack each one differently.

Q: Speaking of courses, besides Westfield's, which is your favorite?

RC: Keene State's. It's just a fun course with a real varied terrain. We ran it last year around Halloween.

Q: How do you prepare for a race?

RC: The night before I carb load, I eat a lot of pasta and such. The morning of, I meet my teammate Julie (Messinger) for breakfast (English muffin & tea). Fifteen minutes before the race, we go on a quick run, stretch and do our team cheer.

Q: Pre-race jitters?

RC: They're gone when the gun goes off.

Q: Fair enough. Now how do you balance X-C and school?

RC: I just stay active. Running actually relieves a lot of my stress. Practice is like my social life, it's where I see everyone and hear all the stories of the day. It's my constructive outlet. Without it, I would be really miserable (laughs).

Q: Now the fun stuff. Who are your athletic idols?

RC: Steve Prefontaine, Ray Allen and Kelly Arouca (WSU Class of '10). Pre was an amazing ambassador for running, Ray is just a classy guy who works hard, and Kelly was a great mentor for me last year. She led by example and did the little things to become a better runner.

Q: Favorite Class?

RC: State & Local Government. Prof. Smailes is a great teacher, whose lectures are always fun and interesting.

Q: Last movie you saw in the theatre?

RC: Despicable Me with my munchkins! (laughs)

Q: Favorite Downtime Activity?

RC: Playing outside with my roommate Christina (Raad). I also enjoy watching movies with people on my floor.

Q: How about your goals for this season? And after school?

RC: Well, I want to break 20 minutes in the 5K, which I did in high school. I want the team to repeat at MASCAC's, the whole team to make regionals, and for us to go to nationals. As for after WSU, I hope to be a newscaster someday!

Interview conducted by Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

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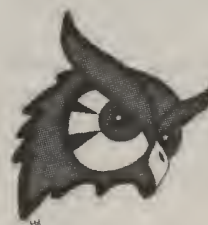
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Westfield falls to 2-4 on a historic day for Jim Bower

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

After coming off an impressive 15-0 victory over Bridgewater State, the Westfield State Owls traveled to Castine, Maine to face off against Maine Maritime and their prolific rushing attack this past Saturday.

Coming into the game, the Mariners were the number one ranked Division-III rushing offense in the nation, averaging 506 yards per game on the ground this year, and they did not disappoint their fans last week.

Running the ball 62 times, the Mariners ran for 435 yards rushing in the game in a 42-21 win over the Owls.

Helping lead this stout attack was running back Nick Bourassa who ran for 156 yards and three scores.

But not to be outdone was fullback Jim Bower who recorded two touchdowns on his way to 146 yards rushing.

This game will be one that Bower will remember for the rest of his life because in this game he surpassed

5,000 career-rushing yards.

With 6:20 to go in the third quarter, Bower ran the ball for 10 yards to the Owls' one-yard line and became the third Mariner running back in the program's long history to surpass the 5,000-yard rushing mark in a career.

He finished the game with 5,080, leaving him in 17th place on the D-III career rushing yards list.

The Owls were once again hurt by turnovers as they committed six in the game. Starting quarterback Dylan Smith threw three interceptions and one of those interceptions was returned for a touchdown.

The Owls then turned to Tyler Dow to help create a spark but he also threw three interceptions.

However, Dow was able to lead the Owls on a nice scoring drive after Gregg Jackson intercepted Maritime quarterback Matt Rende.

Dow threw a nice 18-yard touchdown pass to Evan Berneche, who ended the day with eight catches for 143 yards and that score. With

that score midway through the third quarter, the Owls were only down by 28-14.

Trying to get back into the game the Owls attempted an onside kick, but Alex Grant recovered the kick and ran the ball back to the Owls' 16-yard line. Bower scored just three plays later, giving Maritime a 35-14 lead.

Helping the Owls offensively was running back Luke Johnson who finished with 104 yards and one touchdown on 25 carries. This was the second week in a row that Johnson has run over the century mark.

Linebacker Justin Ehrhardt had 10 tackles in the loss leading the Owls defense. The Owls next game will be Saturday when they face off against the Coast Guard Academy.

The Coast Guard is coming into this week's game with a 2-3 record after losing a double-overtime heartbreaker to Bridgewater State 32-25. The Coast Guard academy has a balanced offense and is led by sophomore quarterback Jon Resch.

Resch has thrown for 668 yards this year with 4



photo courtesy of David Harris-Fried.

Luke Johnson has been running well for the Owls.

touchdowns and 4 interceptions as well. The Coast Guard has been hurt a lot this season by turnovers from its quarterbacks, as Resch and his backup have nine interceptions combined.

The Coast Guard is only averaging 14 points per game and allowing opponents to score 21 points. The Owls need to be able to create a bal-

anced offensive of attack of running and passing the ball.

With running back Luke Johnson looking strong, the Owls need to stop turning the ball over on offense and get their trio of wide receivers the ball — Berneche, C.J. Franklin and Kevin Parnell.

The game is at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow at Alumni Field.

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If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 6 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, October 17.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 6 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
Seattle vs. Chicago	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	SEA
Miami vs. Green Bay	GB	MIA	GB	MIA	MIA
Kansas City vs. Houston	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU	TEN
Cleveland vs. Pittsburgh	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Detroit vs. N.Y. Giants	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG
Atlanta vs. Philadelphia	ATL	ATL	ATL	PHI	ATL
San Diego vs. St. Louis	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD
Baltimore vs. New England	NE	BAL	NE	NE	BAL
Oakland vs. San Francisco	SF	OAK	SF	SF	SF
N.Y. Jets vs. Denver	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
Dallas vs. Minnesota	MIN	MIN	DAL	DAL	MIN
Indianapolis vs. Washington	IND	IND	IND	WAS	IND
Tennessee vs. Jacksonville	TEN	TEN	TEN	JAC	TEN
Season Record	44-32	40-20	42-34	41-35	42-34
Congratulations to Week 5 Winner Trevor Kelly (7-7)					
Bye Teams: Arizona, Buffalo, Carolina and Cincinnati					

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



October and baseball. Two words that seem synonymous this time of year as we approach the annual Fall Classic.

Four teams still have a chance to take home the ultimate prize – the World Series trophy.

The Rangers and Yankees are the last two teams standing in the American League while the Phillies and Giants are the only remaining National League teams.

It was tough for me to decide who to root for in the Braves-Giants matchup.

I love the team that the Giants field daily, but how could I root against legendary manager Bobby Cox in his last playoff stand with the Braves?

Cox's injury depleted Braves put up a great fight, but it wasn't enough to take down the Giants' dynamic pitching staff.

I would love to see the Giants and Rangers face off in the World Series, but there's no chance that San Francisco can get past the Phillies.

Roy Halladay pitched a no-hitter in his first ever playoff start to lead Philadelphia to a game one win.

Roy Oswalt struggled in game two but Chase Utley and Jayson Werth picked up the slack at the plate to lead the Phillies to a win in game two.

And Cole Hamels absolutely dominated the Reds in a game three, series clinching victory.

You know you're pitching staff's nasty when Hamels is your number three starter.

I can't wait to see Halladay and Giants' ace Tim Lincecum faceoff on Saturday in what should be one of the best league championship pitching duels ever.

As for the American League, the Yankees and Rangers will begin their series tonight in Texas. The Yankees showed once again that they own

the Twins – they always find a way to get it done in October.

It will be interesting to see how the struggling A.J. Burnett – he's been "struggling" for about five months now – fares in his game four start.

The Yankees left him off their roster in their opening series but they apparently trust Burnett enough to start him in the ALCS – or maybe they want their \$16.5 million a year man to at least show his face in the playoffs.

The Rangers have the most underrated pitching staff in the playoffs and I think they have what it takes to take down the Bronx Bombers.

Cliff Lee is an absolute stud and C.J. Wilson is the best starter in the playoffs you've never heard of.

Colby Lewis and Tommy Hunter are solid starters that complete their pitching staff.

The Yankees are going to be tough for anyone to take down, but playing at home with an all-around solid roster should give the Rangers a great chance

to pull off a series victory.

In the end though, I can't see anyone but the Phillies raising the World Series trophy when the playoffs end.

To shift gears, the Celtics have begun their preseason schedule and start regular season play on October 26 against the Miami Heat.

The Heat will be the hottest ticket in the league this season but the Celtics depth should help them remain a championship contender throughout the season.

Shaq and Jermaine O'Neal have been added to provide frontcourt depth and Delonte West is back with the team. It was weird seeing Delonte back with the C's.

West was one of my favorite players on the Celtics a few years ago but I've despised the tattooed leprechaun during his stints with Seattle and Cleveland over the past three years.

But after seeing West back on the floor wearing green and white, I couldn't

help but rekindle the love affair that I once had for the man I can never understand.

Seriously, search "Delonte West Hanger Commercial" or "KFC Freestyle Delonte West" on YouTube and see if you can understand a single word that he says.

The man definitely marches to the beat of his own drum. But he's a funny guy and he knows how to score.

His shooting and playmaking abilities should be invaluable down the stretch into the playoffs.

As for Shaq, I'm quite curious to see what the Diesel has left in that tank.

Everything looks good so far in the preseason and O'Neal appears ready to contribute with his rebounding, scoring and strong interior defensive presence for around 24 minutes per game.

And I couldn't end my column with out mentioning the Patriots at least once. New England gets back to work on Sunday against the

Baltimore Ravens – the team that knocked the Pats out of the playoffs in the first round last season by handing them an embarrassing 33-14 home loss.

Deion Branch is back with the Pats – there seems to be a theme this week of players returning to the teams they began their careers with.

Branch should help fill the void left by the departure of Moss. Brandon Tate, Aaron Hernandez and Julian Edelman will also play a bigger role in the offense now.

The Patriots have had two weeks to prepare to face a tough Ravens defense and should come out firing on all cylinders.

Well I'm out of room folks but thanks for reading. Between the MLB playoffs, college football and the NFL, it should be a great weekend for sports fans.

Send me any questions that you have or your weekly NFL picks to westfieldvoices@yahoo.com. Until next time, have a great weekend and enjoy this beautiful fall weather.

Upcoming WSU Home Games

Friday, October 15

Field Hockey vs. Salem State @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 16

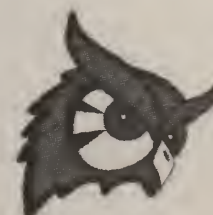
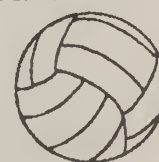
Football vs. Elm's College @ 1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Salem State @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20

Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg State @ 7:00 p.m.

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Week 5 Fantasy Football Studs and Duds

Here's a wrap-up of some of the most outstanding and disappointing performances in week five of the fantasy football season.

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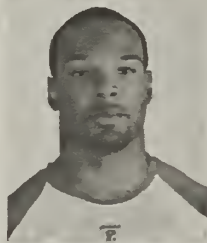
1. Tony Romo 26 Points
2. Eli Manning 22 Points
3. Phillip Rivers 22 Points

Duds



1. Max Hall 5 points
2. Matt Cassel 6 points
3. Sam Bradford 6 points

Running Back Studs



1. Matt Forte 30 points
2. Ray Rice 27 points
3. Chris Johnson 25 points

Duds



1. Jonathan Stewart 3 points
2. DeAngelo Williams 7 points
3. Fred Jackson 7 points

Wide Receiver Studs



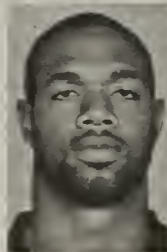
1. Malcom Floyd 27 points
2. Brandon Lloyd 25 points
3. Hakeem Nicks 25 points

Duds



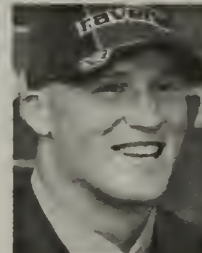
1. Anquan Boldin 1 point
2. Lance Moore 1 point
3. Greg Jennings 3 points

Tight End Studs



1. Mercedes Lewis 17 points
2. Vernon Davis 16 points
3. Antonio Gates 15 points

Duds



1. Todd Heap 2 points
2. Visanthe Shiancoe 2 points
3. Daniel Graham 2 points

Kicker Studs



1. Josh Scobee 22 points
2. Nick Folk 19 points
3. Jason Hanson 16 points

Duds



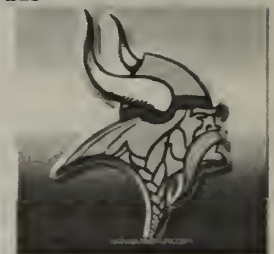
1. Matt Prater 5 points
2. Connor Barth 6 points
3. Josh Brown 6 points

Stud Defenses



1. Oakland 27 points
2. Detroit 26 points
3. Arizona 22 points

Duds



1. Minnesota 2 points
2. Jacksonville 3 points
3. Houston 3 points

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

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Location: Scanlon Banquet Hall

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Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You ought to be ready to start making some changes when it comes to your work situation. Things won't be entirely clear at the moment, and the time to leap into action may not have arrived for you just yet.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You'll be called upon to be a little more flexible and adaptable than usual. So just be careful that you don't allow yourself to become too rigid.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
If some personal issues have seemed a bit up in the air for a while now, you should have the chance to start making some fresh starts. Be sure to focus on the things that you can have an effect on.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Your thoughts are bound to be a little scattered this week, and others could end up misunderstanding your intentions if you're not careful.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Other people will tend to misinterpret your words or actions, and you may even wind up being blamed for something that's not your fault. Just be careful that you're not too overly optimistic or some people could really end up letting you down.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
A lot of people will have their eyes on you at the moment, so be sure to give your very best to everything you do. Just be careful that you don't end up over-extending yourself. And try to work through any impatience or anxiety the best you can right now.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Even if you seem somewhat confident at the moment, there are still bound to be a few worries and fears that will be weighing on your mind. And you ought to think about sharing some of your doubts with someone else.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Don't be surprised if certain financial issues leave you feeling a little confused. Just realize that things should eventually end up sorting themselves out before long.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
There are bound to be a few partnership issues weighing on your mind. And even if you seem to be making some progress with business and personal relationships, you still won't be entirely certain where everything stands.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You can accomplish the most today by keeping your eye on your goals and trying to move things forward any way you can. Despite any obstacles, you ought to be able to make some real progress.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You should really be on the go today, and some financial opportunities ought to be coming into focus for you as well.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Don't be surprised if you end up feeling a little restless or irritable today. You're bound to be busy dealing with all sorts of different issues around the house at the moment.

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Trapped Chilean miners rescued safely

By Timothy Callery
Voice Reporter

Trapped for more than two months, their wait was finally over. With the whole world watching, one by one 33 Chilean miners rose to the surface last Wednesday, greeted with cheers and applause by family and friends in celebration of what has become known as the miracle in the mine.

For the first 17 days, no one knew how many miners survived the accident, if any at all. After weeks of searching, the miners were finally located and drilling efforts began to get them out.

Starting at midnight last Tuesday, a 13-foot tall capsule named Phoenix was lowered a half-mile into the ground to the site.

Ending much earlier than predicted, it took rescuers roughly 20 minutes to bring out each miner along with six rescue workers that were first sent down to assess the men, taking the entire operation about a day to complete.

For their trip up, the miners were monitored by video. They were given oxygen masks, dark glasses to protect their eyes, and more clothing to help with the move from the sweltering underground heat to the cool desert air.

Florencio Avalos was the first to emerge from the ground. He was welcomed with hugs and kisses from his wife and 7-year-old son as well as Chilean President Sebastian Pinera.

The men came up stronger than expected. They were brought to a triage center where they underwent both physical and mental evaluations. One miner was treated for pneumonia and two others needed dental surgery. The rest were released on Thursday.

A shift foreman named Luis Urzua has become known as the hero of the group. The last man out, he is said to have kept the men alive during their two-month ordeal with his strict rotation of their limited food and supplies before help could reach them.

A waiting station set up for family and friends called "Camp Hope" exploded with cheers and applause when Urzua came to the surface. Confetti and balloons were released into the air and champagne bottles were popped open as people began to celebrate.

The entire world became captivated by the miners' story. News crews from across the globe aired live footage of the rescue. Thousands gathered in the capitol of Santiago waving flags and yelling



Photo courtesy of static.guim.co.uk

Chilean president embraces miner Florencio Avalos on October 13th after the rescue.

chants as they watched the miners being pulled up to the surface.

The Chilean government has promised constant care to the miners that will not end until each has been able to readjust to their lifestyles. Chilean president and first lady urged each miner to rest and recover and assured them they will not be alone in the process.

They will soon learn how true that is with the whole

world fascinated by the event, now providing a new life of fame and fortune for the miners. A life far different than the ones they left August 5th when the 33 men went into the San Jose mine risking their lives for \$1,600 a month.

From mission impossible to mission incredible, the cap was sealed by President Pinera, officially marking the mine closed on a day that will no doubt go down in history.

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Quick Hits

Friday, October 22

1:40p.m.

Laura Tyron Jennings
Gallery Talk
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8:00p.m.

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Saturday, October 23

12:00p.m.

Homecoming
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1:30p.m.

Football vs. Framing-
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8:30p.m.

Movie: Dinner for
Schmucks
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, October 24

8:30p.m.

Movie: Dinner for
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Ely Main Lounge

Facebook taking control of privacy issues

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

Facebook, the popular social networking site, has recently been experiencing problems with security leading to the release of personal information of many users.

Although it is unclear when the breach began, several of the network's top applications leaked personal information about users of their applications.

It has been suggested by "The Wall Street Journal" that even those users who have their privacy settings adjusted so that their profile is completely private may be at risk.

The Times goes on to say that even some Facebook users whose information was compromised may also have been subjected to the breach.

The applications that have obtained the information are among some

of the most popular on the Facebook website including FarmVille and other games.

Information was then passed to advertising and Internet Tracking companies.

Although many people are worried that this breach in security may leave them vulnerable, "The Washington Post" as well as gather.com have pointed out that the information that has been leaked was accessible in most scenarios.

The information that has been obtained includes your Facebook username and user number, which can lead people to finding your name, gender, age and networks.

Unless you have disabled the Facebook feature that allows other users to 'search' for your name, this information is already public.

Facebook addressed the breach in a public statement, in which they explained that in

most cases, the applications took the information inadvertently through normal techniques.

They have also since suspended use of the applications in question.

A Facebook spokesperson had this to say in regard to the severity and precautions of the situation, "Our policy is very clear about protecting user data, ensuring that no one can access private user information without explicit user consent."

"Further, developers cannot disclose user information to ad networks and data brokers. We take strong measures to enforce this policy, including suspending and disabling applications that violate it."

Although many Facebook users are concerned that their information has been leaked it is important to know that Facebook has taken control of the situation and aims to prevent further lapses.

facebook:

Stop invading my privacy!



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Things on facebook aren't always as secure and private as they seem.

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The Westfield Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed

because we must speak to you personally to confirm the letter). The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Westfield alumni get engaged in Scanlon

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Two weeks ago on Saturday, October 9th something very special happened. A Westfield State alumni, Jonah Berger, proposed to his girlfriend Andrea Poitrast in the third floor lounge of Scanlon, where they had met over ten years ago.

As the newly engaged couple explained, they met at Westfield State in the first couple of years and Berger said, "One of the things that drew me to her is that she was one of the most unique people I have ever met."

The two of them dated during their college years at Westfield State, and then moved to Chicago after graduation. They broke up for a few years after that but remained good friends. Then, Berger surprised her and showed up at her family's house on Christmas of 2008. Soon after, they were back together and have been a couple ever since.

When asked about his plans for popping the big question, Berger answered that he had been contemplating asking her to marry him over the summer.

He laughed and explained that "Westfield kept popping up and I thought it was romantic in a



Jonah Berger and Andrea Poitrast after the proposal.

Nicholas Sparks kind of way."

Berger had fabricated a whole story about a fake alumni event and bought a plane ticket for Andrea to come with him back to their old campus. Along with that, he asked for a fake page to be published by this very newspaper with their story on the front page.

Once on campus, Berger brought Poitrast to the new Scanlon third floor lounge.

The original one where they had actually met, unfortunately for them, was not there anymore due to the renovations of the school.

He got down on one knee and proposed. Although they described those

moments as "kind of a blur," their joy at the engagement was obvious. When asked about where the wedding will be, Poitrast joked, "in Scanlon."

They currently live in the Chicago area, but both of them still feel a strong attachment to Westfield State and, as Berger said to Poitrast, "because of Westfield, I met you."

In a follow-up email to The Voice, Berger said, "Andrea and I are great and really like this whole being engaged thing - it's cool! We were giggling for days after it happened and are still really giddy."

The Westfield Voice congratulates Jonah and Andrea and wishes them all the best!

Possible renovations to WSU

By Meaghan Chalmers
Voice Reporter

With an ever-growing student population, Westfield State University is considering expansion. Plans were first proposed to the board of Trustees on Tuesday September 12, 2010.

The plans included a new residence hall, which looks as though it may be placed on the campus green.

Also, new

developments to the dining commons would not only add hundreds of additional seats, but possibly a new wellness center as well. The renovations to the new dining commons may entail the inclusion of a new second floor.

The proposal stated that the target occupancy date for both the new dining commons and residence hall would be 2013-2014.

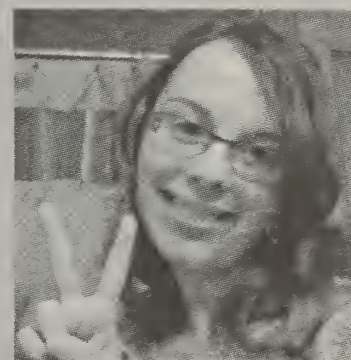
A new academic building was also mentioned in the plans. Although the

building would most likely be placed somewhere along Western Avenue, there was no occupancy date offered.

All in all, the renovation plan would cost an estimated \$100 million. The allocation would be \$55 million dedicated to the residence hall, \$7 million for the dining commons and \$33 million for the new academic building.

The Board of Trustees will meet to discuss the approval of the newly suggested plan sometime in December.

Student Spotlight



Rebecca Peloquin
Hometown: Springfield, MA
Major: Psychology

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I hope to go into Forensic Psychology. I grew up watching shows like Law & Order and Criminal Minds, and I've always loved them.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
Easily Teenage Dream, by Katy Perry!

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?
That's tough! One would be my grandmother. The second would be my best friend because he's going to college in upstate New York right now. Lastly, I think I'd invite my old English teacher. And I'm a huge fan of Italian food, so I'd serve spaghetti and meatballs.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?
That'd have to be studying for my first Psych exam with one of my friends. It was a blast, and proved that I actually could get work done with other people present! And being a commuter, it made me feel more like I was actually part of campus.

Lucky number?

13! I don't know why, but it always has been.

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

Greetings from London

By Jeremy Horton
Voice Reporter

Hello from London, Westfield State University! Still strange calling it university for me, but it certainly isn't a bad title to have. But, as I said, I'm currently in London so I can't gather all the benefits of being a Westfield State University student, whatever they may be.

London is a great place and is, of course, a bit more lively than good old Westfield. It really is a meeting point of every culture, which is unbelievable to see. Apart from Paris, I can't compare it to anywhere else I have ever been.

Visiting the pub is something every proper Brit does, and does with frequency. It's not uncommon to visit a pub five nights a week, and see the same people there every night. Not necessarily even drinking, but just being there. And during the weekend, the pubs come to life with football fans.

In fact, that is the reason I am even here. You see, unlike most Americans, I am a football (soccer) fan. Perhaps it's just the French in me, but I absolutely love everything about it.

While most of you have always watched the Patriots or the Red Sox, I have always watched Arsenal FC, and the French national team.

And Arsenal just so happens to be located in North London. So it's no coincidence that this is where I ended up. Academics and culture aside, I came here for Arsenal. It really is my passion.

Which is why I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend matches in person. It's also why instead of going off to Spain or Italy some weekends like the other Americans here, I actually get more excited at the prospect of staying in London to see my team.

My latest match was

Arsenal vs. Birmingham City, the latter a relatively unknown team outside of England. Arsenal's stadium, known as the Emirates Stadium is a brand new, massive, and wonderful place to watch a match.

It's a bit funny that I work for the Red Sox and spent all summer at Fenway Park, saw every game, and I always wondered how first-time visitors were so awestruck by Fenway.

Yet at the Emirates, I was the stupid looking fan in a trance, and now I completely understand it. I've watched so many matches on TV, and seen plenty of pictures, but the feeling of finally setting foot inside simply cannot be described.

The match started off great. Arsenal is a big, well known team with stars, whereas Birmingham's best player is one who was actually rejected and sold by Arsenal. Yet some time into the game, Birmingham struck first with a header, and then were winning 1-0.

It should be noted that visiting fans for football matches in England do not mix with home fans. It's not like at Fenway, with Yankees and Sox fans side by side. Here, the away fans sit in a little fenced-in section, surrounded by police.

But during the game we continued in good spirit, singing and chanting. Arsenal fans had already created and spread a chant about one of the players based on something he'd done five minutes prior. And all 60,000 of us were singing. We were losing, yes, but still singing.

Later on we were given hope. A player was fouled in the box, and we were given a penalty. And just like that, we scored.

The way everyone reacts to a goal, intentionally or not, is by immediately jumping with their arms up. And 60,000 people doing this together in one second is quite a

sight. But we were all relieved. We were back in the game.

Sometime later, Arsenal scored a beautiful goal, and the score was 2-1. Once again, we all went absolutely nuts and random strangers hugged. Then came the final whistle, and we let out some cheers and applause for the players, but just like that, it was over.

A 90 minute game feels like it takes forever on TV, but in person, it felt like I was barely there. The celebrations continued out onto the street, where the police had the entire area on lock down, and onto the subway where we continued singing. Hours later I was still feeling the excitement from it.

It is something that you can never experience in the United States. Hockey perhaps comes close, but baseball, American football, and basketball are miles away from the experience of a proper football (soccer) match.

Interestingly, the MLS, despite being the same sport, almost insults real football by being mentioned in the same breath.

Apart from the field and the rules, there is nothing similar. Watching an MLS game compared to an English Premier League match is like watching a high school football team and an NFL team.

In a few short days, I will have experienced this excitement three times in less than a week.

Overall, living in a different country and getting to go through all these new experiences is awesome, and I would highly recommend it to anyone.

The WSU study abroad office and the people who work there made the whole process seem almost too easy, yet here I am now, sitting in my flat in London having the time of my life.

Editor's Desks



So, we liked having our Editor's Desks combined so much last week that we're doing it again!

My name is Samantha and I'm 19 today!!
Whoohoo!!

Okay, Alex's turn. :)

We clearly have waaay too much fun with iPhoto. I don't have anything else to say (thank God I don't have my own Editor's desk!) except HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAMANTHA!!!

I'd say it's a surprise, but she's sitting right next to me :)

Alright, bye!!

Have a nice weekend everyone! I know we will!

Samantha Fahey & Alex Myers
Co-Editors-In-Chief

Cooking with Nicole Nado Autumn Chicken Stew

Ingredients

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup biscuit mix
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 1/2 cups 1-inch cubes of squash
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 medium potatoes cubed
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can (14.5 oz) stewed tomatoes, undrained
- 1 3/4 cups of chicken broth

Steps

- Coat chicken with biscuit mix
- In 4-quart pot, heat oil over medium heat
- Add chicken; cook 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally
- Stir in squash, pumpkin pie spice, potatoes, onion, tomatoes and broth
- Heat to boiling; reduce heat and cover
- Let everything simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Uncover and cook for 15 more minutes, until veggies are tender and ENJOY!

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Bruno Mars - Just The Way You Are
2. Far*East Movement ft. Cataracs & Dev - Like A G6
3. Nelly - Just A Dream
4. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
5. Usher ft. Pitbull - DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love
6. Rihanna - Only Girl (In The World)
7. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
8. Taylor Swift - Speak Now
9. Flo Rida ft. David Guetta - Club Can't Handle Me
10. Eminem ft. Rihanna - Love The Way You Lie

Top Movies

1. Jackass 3D
2. Red
3. The Social Network
4. Secretariat
5. Life as We Know It

Upcoming Albums

1. Taylor Swift - Speak Now
2. Weezer - Death To False Metal
3. Good Charlotte - Car-diology
4. Pitbull - Armando
5. Lee DeWyze - Live It Up

Upcoming Video Games

1. LEGO Universe
2. Shaun White Skateboarding
3. Party of Sin
4. Monopoly Streets
5. Retro City Rampage

South Park: thirteen years and still great

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

One would think that after 14 seasons of high jinks, mocking of celebrities and current events that hit cartoon show "South Park" would eventually run out of ideas of things to make fun. However, this can be no farther from the truth.

This ongoing narrative revolves around four children; Stan Marsh, Kyle Broflovski, Eric Cartman, and Kenny McCormick, as they partake in crazy adventures in and around the fictional town of South Park, Colorado.

If future generations ever want to understand American culture from 1997, the year it was created, through the present time, they simply need to watch "South Park."

The reason why "South Park" is so good is that it makes us look at the world through the eyes of fourth graders. The show has no boundaries and mocks everyone not because the creators think that the people are bad, but rather they are pointing out to society that what they are

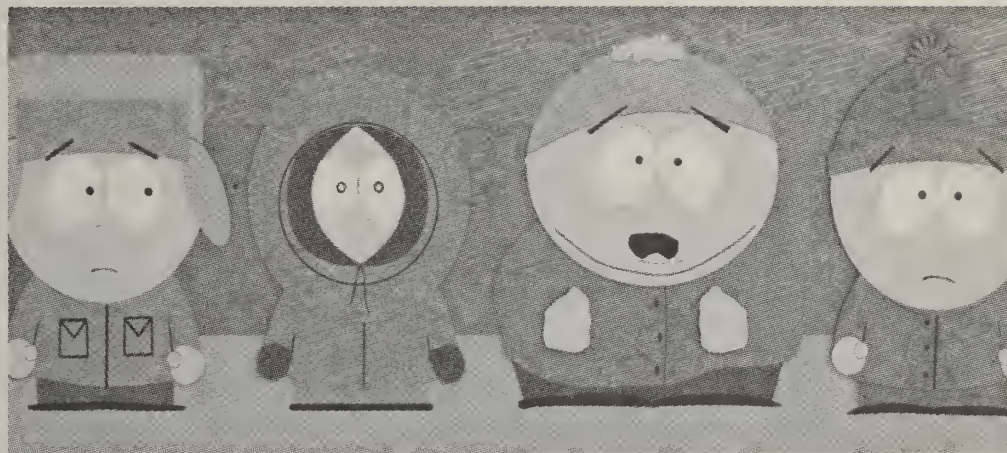


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doing is so stupid that it is funny.

Some people say that the best compliment is when someone takes the time to mock you. Well if this is the case then the South Park has "complimented" many people.

In a weird way, "South Park" is able to put a lot of big issues into perspective. Stone and Parker, the creators, are able to focus on how Americans manage themes that make us unique and wonderfully ridiculous: vast corporate expansions, alien abductions, mean kids, overprotective parents, assisted suicide,

gay rights, religion, crushes, conservation, and sex education/ repression/ harassment.

We would watch South Park and chuckle and think: it is true; there is a Starbucks on nearly every corner.

This is the reason why a lot of people love this show. It is not like most television shows, where writers come up with episodes months before they actually air.

No, South Park episodes are usually completed only a couple of days before they go on television. By doing this, episodes are able to

connect with viewers because the issues that these kids deal with are things that are actually occurring in real life.

This season South Park has already done a fabulous job at mocking Jersey Shore, especially Snookie. Does anyone else know a series that tackles so many serious issues with such crude humor but is able to demonstrate a point? No, I don't think so.

That is why South Park is and will remain a hit show for years to come. South Park is on Wednesday nights at 10:00 on Comedy Central.

Jackass 3D a must-see comedy this year

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On October 15, 2010, "Jackass 3D", the third installment in the "Jackass" movie series, opened in theaters.

In my opinion, it is one of the funniest movies I have seen in a long time. It follows the premise of the first two movies: stunts and tricks that the public should not perform.

The entire cast from the previous movies returned: Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Steve-O, Ryan Dunn, Chris Ponitus, Ehren McGhehey, Preston Lacy, Dave England, and Wee Man.

Guests were also

included, like Brandon Novak and Spike Jonze.

The first stunt shown featured a giant model of a hand and the gang trying to get one of their members to enter the room, in turn smacking them down with the hand.

Bam Margera was told to enter the room where he was then hit with the hand that was laden with bags of flour.

One of my favorites, out of all the great stunts, has to be when Johnny Knoxville, decked out in a pink sweater, went roller-skating in a buffalo pen. Needless to say, the buffalo won that battle.

Another one of my favorite Knoxville-centric

stunts was called "The Invisible Man"- he painted himself to match a backdrop that was in a bull pen. The bull came charging out and flipped Knoxville over.

There was also a stunt in which Ryan Dunn sits himself behind the engine of a jet plane and tries to not get blown over.

Seeing Dunn getting blown over by the wind and getting pummeled to the ground was one of my favorite moments of the entire movie.

During one prank, one of the members is strapped into a chair. A crooked tooth is tied to the back end of an electric blue Lamborghini.

The Lamborghini is revved up and driven

forward, yanking out the tooth.

In what, in my opinion, is the most disgusting prank in the movie, Steve-O is strapped inside a porta-potty filled with various waste products.

The porta-potty is strapped to bungee cords, and is launched hundreds of feet in the air. Steve-O comes out of it looking like a walking sewage-monster.

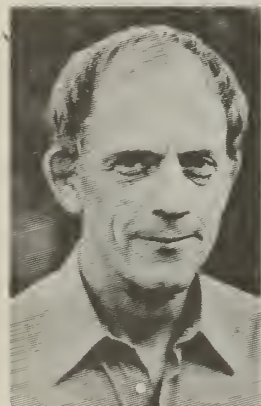
I recommend this movie to anyone not afraid to be grossed-out, "Jackass" fans, and anyone looking for a night full of laughs.

My friends and I had a great time watching it, and I'm sure you will too.

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Christopher Lloyd – Born Oct 22, 1938

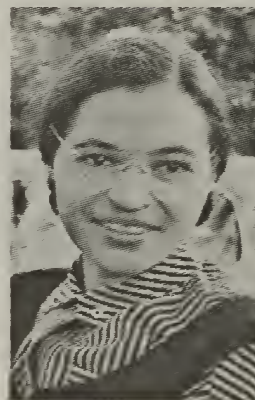


Christopher Allen Lloyd was born nearby in Stamford, Connecticut where his grandfather

founded the Texaco Oil Company, making him well off, money wise, from a young age. He started acting when he was only 14 years old, first starring on Broadway and then making his way to films. His first ever motion picture role was in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Lloyd is most famous for his role as the eccentric Doc

Brown in the *Back to the Future* trilogy, for which he was nominated for a Saturn Award. Other notable roles are *Star Trek*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *My Favorite Martian*, and as Uncle Fester in *The Addams Family*. Though he frequently lends his voice to animated villains, his co-stars describe him as a shy and quiet man.

Rosa Parks – Died Oct 16, 2002



Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. When she was young, she was

frequently ill, being unusually small for her age. School bus transportation was virtually nonexistent for African-American children in the South. She was quoted as saying, "I'd see the bus pass every day... But to me, that was a way of life... The bus was among the first ways I realized there was a black world and a white world." She recalls a time when she was very young, when the Ku Klux Klan marched down her street vandalizing houses and her father had to guard the front door with a shot gun. In December, 1955 Parks refused to obey her bus driver and leave her seat in the front of the bus for a white passenger, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott. She died at the age of 92.

Movie Review: Red cast is a director's dream

By Wilson Belbin
Voice Reporter

The cast of Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich, and Mary Louise Parker is an ensemble most directors can only dream of.

Robert Shwentke has assembled this dream cast in the action comedy "RED".

Bruce Willis is Frank Moses, a retired CIA operative who finds a life without danger and assassinations to be routine.

He's soon forced to retire from retirement when he is interrupted by a task force sent to kill him.

The screenplay had the potential to be something along the lines of "Burn After Reading", but after a promising exciting opening sequence which sets an interesting slightly comedic tone, the movie quickly falls

into your typical action movie with a "Scooby Doo"-like plot.

In the end what you have is a bunch of mostly exciting set pieces and situations strung together with a very weak story.

The director manages to keep the pace very brisk and fun, making us forget at most times that there is a story.

He manages to stage quite a few successful action scenes that are quite exciting and inventive, but you can see he lost control of his movie to its actors.

It isn't hard for this to happen if you have a story so weak and actors of this caliber.

Bruce Willis could play this role in his sleep.

Not to say he is bad, but sometimes it seems like he was on autopilot.

He did have some nice chemistry with Mary Louise Parker who has

great comedic timing. It is just great to see her outside of her TV show "Weeds".

Morgan Freeman is criminally underused, but in the few moments he has he is pretty fun as usual.

The two highlights are Malkovich and Mirren.

John Malkovich is at the top of his game and having so much fun playing a drugged ex killer. He has some of the funniest moments in the film.

It is too bad that Helen Mirren is 75: she has the charisma and grace to be a great action hero. Also seeing her snipe was just plain awesome.

Overall, except for the acting flourishes that the cast brings to the film and some of the set pieces "RED" was sort of a disappointment.

However it is great fun and I would suggest waiting for a Rental on DVD.

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Patriots ship Randy Moss back to Minnesota

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

Following a big Monday night win over the Miami Dolphins, the New England Patriots decided to trade their number one wide-out Randy Moss away back to where it all started for him in Minnesota.

Over the past few weeks, debates have come up about whether or not Moss would re-sign with the Patriots after this year.

Moss has felt the need to speak out about people in New England wanting to see him fail on a number of occasions.

Rumors have surfaced about Moss and Tom Brady getting into a catfight in the locker room.

To no surprise, Bill Belichick ended the discussions of Moss potentially re-signing with New England by trading the Hall of Fame receiver to Minnesota for a third round draft pick in 2011.

Days after Moss was traded away to Minnesota,

New England went out and traded for a former Patriot wide receiver, Deion Branch.

New England gave the Seattle Seahawks the fourth round pick they acquired from Denver in the Laurence Maroney trade to get their former Super Bowl MVP back in town.

Branch is a perfect fit in this offense as he is very familiar with the playbook and system Bill Belichick has going.

Many people are wondering what this trade does to the Patriots in the short term.

Brandon Tate, the talented but raw receiver out of North Carolina needs to step up his play in the offense as the Patriots move forward this season.

Belichick is also counting on rookie tight ends Aaron Hernandez and Rob Gronkowski to produce for the remainder of the season.

This trade also means the distraction surrounding Randy Moss re-signing this offseason has migrated its way up north to Minneapolis.

Brett Favre in

Minnesota gets arguably the best deep threat wide receiver in NFL history to throw to now.

There are no excuses this season if the Vikings don't make the playoffs with the talent Favre is surrounded with.

When Sidney Rice arrives back to the field, Minnesota will have one of the best, if not the best, wide receiving cores in the NFL – not to mention they still have Adrian Peterson, who in my opinion is the best running back in the league.

The Patriots couldn't have traded Moss at a better time as the Vikings faced the New York Jets on Monday Night Football on October 11.

The timing was also perfect for this trade because the Patriots had their bye week to prepare their new look offense before facing the Baltimore Ravens at home on October 17.

With this trade, the Patriots now have seven draft picks in the first four rounds of the 2011 NFL Draft next spring.

These draft picks give Belichick some more room to

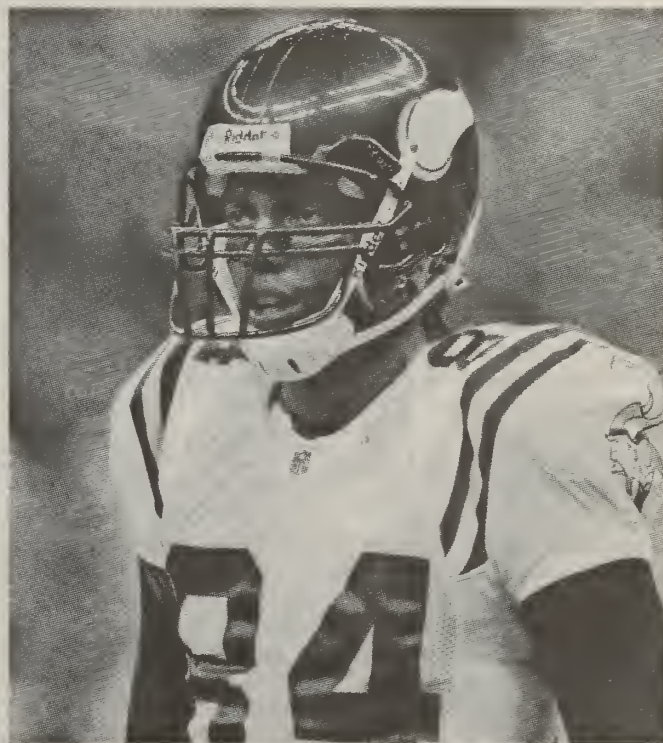


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The Pats trade Moss back to where his career began.

improve his already talented team with a slew of young players his can mold into his system.

In Branch's first game back in a New England

uniform, he caught 9 passes for 98 yards. He also tacked on a key touchdown in the Patriots' overtime win over the Baltimore Ravens.

Patriots come from behind to beat Baltimore in overtime

By Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots came back to beat the Baltimore Ravens 23-20 last Sunday in an overtime thriller that any football fan could have loved.

After the Ravens drove the ball down field for a field goal on their first drive, the Patriots answered with a touchdown run by BenJarvus Green-Ellis to take a 7-3 first quarter lead.

This was Green-Ellis's third straight game with a TD.

The pace of the game was slow for the rest of the first half. Todd Heap caught a

touchdown midway through the second quarter and the Ravens took a three point lead into the locker room.

This was a very defensive oriented game and neither team was able to gain too much of an edge. Down by 10 early in the fourth quarter, Tom Brady hooked up with newly acquired receiver Deion Branch for a touchdown to bring the Pats within a score of a tie.

The Patriots defense got a big stop on their next series and then a field goal on their next offensive possession to tie the score at 20-20.

With a questionable call to end regulation, the Pats decided to go for a deep

touchdown pass instead of kicking a 62-yard field goal for the win. The pass was intercepted in the end zone and the game went into overtime.

Baltimore started the overtime period with the ball.

After a three-and-out by both teams, and an unsportsmanlike like conduct on the Ravens' fullback, the Pats were set up in great field position.

Starting the drive on the Patriots' 38-yard line, Brady hit Branch for a big gain followed by a completion to Wes Welker.

After another completion to Branch and a few short runs, Stephen Gostkowski was brought in to kick the game winning 35-yard field goal.

The ball was up and it was good.

A flag on the play scared a lot of Pats fans, but the penalty was against the Ravens. It was declined and the Patriots had won the game.

The Pats' D kept them in the game when their high powered offense seemed to have forgotten to eat their Wheaties as Brady had two interceptions.

Joe Flacco and the Ravens' offense seemed to not understand that they weren't going to get the run game going. Ray Rice did have 88 yards, but it was on 28 carries and sounds more effective than it was.

Deion Branch was the biggest story in this game. Five years after leaving the

team, Branch returned wearing number 84 and he made nine catches for 98 yards in a game in which Pats fans were wondering what would happen in the post-Moss era.

Branch made the key catches that led to a Pats' victory and he seemed to have not lost a step in his relationship with Brady.

After this test against one of the toughest teams in the AFC, the Patriots head to San Diego with some serious defensive momentum and an offense that should prove to be more dangerous.

Make sure to check out the Patriots game against the Chargers on Sunday at 4:15 on CBS.

Evan Berneche leads Westfield to win over Coast Guard

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

A player who was playing his first game at a position treated Westfield State football fans with an astounding performance. That player was senior wide receiver and now converted running back Evan Berneche.

Berneche carried the ball 37 times for 238 yards and one touchdown, with 141 of those yards coming in the first half alone, as the Owls (3-4, 2-2 in conference) pulled a 26-15 victory over the Coast Guard Bears in a very competitive game.

The win against Coast Guard was the first win for the Owls in this series as they had lost their previous seven games to the Bears.

Berneche, who had never played running back in college or in high school, filled in for Luke Johnson who earlier in the week left the team for personal reasons.

Berneche found out that he would be starting at running back on Monday of last week and was up for the challenge.

The decision to go with Berneche at running back was a huge surprise for the Bears'

defense, as they prepared only to face Berneche as a wide out.

"I am very thankful for my offensive line as they provided some huge holes for me to work with," Berneche said after the game.

Westfield controlled the ball for 31 minutes of the game and ran a very conservative style of offense to limit mistakes that have haunted the Owls the last couple of weeks.

Quarterback Tyler Dow got the start and was 6-16 for 51 yards and also added one rushing touchdown.

This was the first game this season that the Owls did not throw an interception and because of this, they were able to effectively utilize the running game. Junior fullback Justin Karrat also added in a 1-yard scoring run late in the first half, to bring the Owls lead to 13-6 at halftime.

This was all the help the Owls' defense needed as they forced three interceptions and sacked Bears' quarterbacks six times in the game.

The game was finally put out reach after Ryan O'Connell picked off Bears' quarterback Jesse Karr for his second interception

of the game and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown with 2:55 left in the game.

O'Connell finished the day with seven tackles along with those two interceptions and credited his defensive line for helping get those turnovers.

"The D-line was huge and created a lot of pressure on the quarterback enabling me to make some plays in the secondary," O'Connell said.

However, not to be outdone by the strong performance by O'Connell was defensive end Chris Walker who finished with six tackles in the game along with three sacks and was thorn in the back of the Coast Guard offense all day.

Coast Guard was not able to produce a solid running game after their starting running back Jarrod Owens went down with an injury.

Owens' backup Ryan Webster did an adequate job filling in for him and ran for 40 yards and also had five catches for 43 yards.

The Coast Guard quarterbacks were 27-44 for 247 yards as Jesse Karr filled in for starter Jon Resch who left the game with an injury.

Next week Westfield



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Evan Berneche led the Owls with 238 rushing yards.

faces a very strong Framingham State Rams team who is 5-2 this year and is coming of a 50-26 loss to Maine Maritime.

The Rams have a prolific offense this year and average almost 32 points per game. Senior quarterback Kurt Leone leads the Rams' offense and has thrown 1808 yards this year for 20 touchdowns.

Twelve of those touchdowns have gone to wide receiver James McCarthy who has caught 40 balls for 622 yards along with those 12 scores.

Along with this great

passing game, the Rams have a powerful running attack led by freshman running back Melikke Van Alstyne who has rushed 878 yards and five touchdowns.

This will be a very tough test for the Owls' defense as there are not a lot of holes in this offense.

It will be crucial for Westfield to get another big game out of Berneche on offense, but the Owls must also be efficient in the passing game if they want to win this game. The game is tomorrow, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 7 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, October 24.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 7 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
Cincinnati vs. Atlanta	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL
Buffalo vs. Baltimore	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL
San Francisco vs. Carolina	SF	SF	CAR	CAR	CAR
Washington vs. Chicago	WAS	WAS	WAS	CHI	CHI
Pittsburgh vs. Miami	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
Philadelphia vs. Tennessee	PHI	TEN	PHI	PHI	PHI
St. Louis vs. Tampa Bay	TB	TB	STL	STL	TB
Cleveland vs. New Orleans	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Jacksonville vs. Kansas City	KC	KC	KC	KC	JAC
Arizona vs. Seattle	SEA	ARI	ARI	SEA	ARI
New England vs. San Diego	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Oakland vs. Denver	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN
Minnesota vs. Green Bay	GB	MIN	MIN	GB	MIN
N.Y. Giants vs. Dallas	DAL	DAL	NYG	NYG	DAL
Season Record	54-36	49-25	51-39	50-40	53-37
Congratulations to Week 6 Winner Shane Hogan (9-5)					
Bye Teams: Detroit, Indianapolis, N.Y. Jets and Houston					

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



Welcome back Deion. Boy is it nice to see you again.

Branch made his Patriots re-debut on Sunday and led all New England receivers with nine catches for 98 yards and a huge fourth quarter touchdown.

His precise route running looked just as crisp as it did in 2005 and the chemistry Branch had developed with Brady seemed to be as strong as ever despite a four season layoff.

While Branch (5-foot-9, 192 pounds) is not as physically gifted as the departed Randy Moss and he will never be that type of down-field vertical threat, Branch runs short and intermediate routes over the middle of the field that Moss would never attempt.

Branch seems to be the last piece of the puzzle in the Patriots' attempt to reincarnate its 2001-2006 style of offense.

Who was the big-time vertical threat on those teams? David Patten? David Givens? I'd say those two were about the only deep threats that New England had.

Moss is more talented than either of those two guys with bad ankles and one arm tied around his back.

The point is that the Pats never had an elite deep-threat receiver. Patten, Givens, Branch and Troy Brown were excellent route runners who developed great chemistry with Brady.

But looking at the careers of those guys (minus Brown who retired as a Patriot) after they left New England shows that they were far from elite talents.

Outside of Brown in 2001, the Pats hadn't had a 1,000-yard receiver with Brady as their starting QB until Moss and Wes Welker joined the team in 2007 and both went over 1,000 yards.

That's because the key to the Pats' offensive

success was Brady spreading the ball all over the field – he was almost impossible to stop when opposing teams had no idea who the ball was going to.

But over the past three years, 53% of the Patriots' completions have been to Moss or Welker. That doesn't exactly scream offensive balance if you ask me.

Brady is getting back to the way he played during New England's three Super Bowl seasons – short and intermediate passes that are spread all over the field.

Moss put up some unbelievable numbers during his three plus years with the Patriots, but Randy laid a goose egg in the most important category of them all: Super Bowl rings.

Branch captured two rings and a Super Bowl MVP award before heading to the northwest for a bi contract.

But Branch's best days came when he was catching balls from Brady, and for a while this past Sunday anyway, 2010 looked like 2005. It's nice to have you back Deion.

Some other random thoughts from week 6 in the NFL:

How are the Chargers so terrible when they play on the road?

San Diego is 2-0 at home with a combined score of 79-23 against two winning teams. But on the road, the Chargers are a dismal 0-4 while being outscored 103-78 against the Chiefs, Seahawks, Raiders and Rams Yikes. That's just atrocious.

Norv Turner might be looking for employment soon if his Chargers can't get their act together.

It should be a pretty interesting afternoon when the Patriots face the Chargers in San Diego on Sunday.

The Chargers are only 1.5 games out of first place in the AFC West, but I'll put my

money on the Kansas City Chiefs to win that division.

The Chiefs defense had a major letdown in their crushing loss against Houston last Sunday, but Romeo Crenell has had that unit playing great football all season long.

Jamaal Charles and Thomas Jones have been a dynamic duo running the football and Matt Cassel is looking better each game.

"Star" wide-receiver Dwayne Bowe finally showed some life last Sunday and if he and Cassel can continue to work on their rhythm, the explosive Chiefs will be tough to beat.

A coach joining Turner on the hot seat this week: Wade Phillips. Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones said there is no chance he'd fire Phillips mid-season, but a few more losses and I think Mr. Jones may have a change of heart.

Dallas was supposed to be a Super Bowl contender, but the 1-4 Cowboys look nothing like a playoff team.

The schedule won't get any easier for the Cowboys either. Dallas plays the Packers once and the Giants twice in

the next four weeks and still have two games with the Eagles and matchups against the Saints and Colts (last season's Super Bowl teams) looming on the schedule.

My final NFL shutout of the week: congrats to my boy Tim Tebow for scoring his first NFL touchdown on a five-yard run against the Jets last Sunday.

The much maligned Tebow may get a chance to actually throw the football sooner rather than later if Kyle Orton has more performances similar to his 14-34 (that's 41%) outing that he had last week for the 2-4 Broncos.

My biggest gripe of the week: three letters – BCS.

Any college football fan knows I'm talking about the awful computer generated system that the NCAA uses to determine the two teams that play for the National Championship.

For those of you who may not know how the college football playoff system works, the NCAA basically prefers to use computers to determine its top two teams rather than an actual playoff bracket – pretty ridiculous, right?

I could complain about the system itself for hours, but the actual rankings themselves absolutely sucks. How is Oklahoma ranked #1 in the BCS when they're ranked #3 or #4 in every other poll?

What kind of formulas do the magical BCS computers use? How about Oregon being #1 and Boise State being #2?

The BCS clearly puts a huge emphasis on strength of schedule and it'll probably take a miracle for Boise to make it to the National Title game.

But the Broncos are as deserving – if not more deserving – as anyone to earn a spot to play for the National Championship. I would love to see nothing more than Boise be given a chance to win the championship... I'm pretty sure a playoff system would solve this issue.

Well anyway, I'm out of room folks but thanks for reading. I'd love to answer some questions or share some comments that readers have in one of my future columns, so send me your questions and/or comments to westfie ldvoicesports@yahoo.com.

Upcoming WSU Home Games

Saturday, October 23

Men's and Women's Cross Country
MASCAC Championships
Stanley Park @ 11:00 a.m.

Football vs. Framingham State @ 1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. MCLA @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26

Women's Volleyball vs. Bridgewater State
@ 7:00 p.m.

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Fantasy football craze: what all the hype is about

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Fantasy Football – ever wondered what the craze is all about? Well, it is simple. Instead of having to root for a team that stinks, you can draft your own players to be on your fantasy team from NFL teams all over the league.

There are a variety of ways to draft a team with the most popular being a free public league through either Yahoo or ESPN. You can simply choose a date to pick your team and do an online draft to pick players for your team.

You can choose to have 8, 10 or 12 people to make up a league. Public leagues are leagues that are randomly put together by the website.

Private leagues are ones where you can pick who is in your league like friends, family or co-workers.

The league I am in

with my high school buddies is a \$100 buy in league with 12 people in it. We do a live draft at somebody's house which means we sit around a table and actually call out which player we want to be on our team and then we put that players name up on the draft board.

Still with me? The draft goes in order of 1-12, with number 1 getting the first pick and therefore access to any player he wants.

When the twelfth person picks a player they get to pick another player. The picking process, known as a snake draft, goes in reverse order until it gets to the first person again where he then gets two picks in a row.

Most drafts last for 17 rounds. We started our league 3 years ago and created incentives to participate in our league to make it more competitive and fun.

The buy in started at \$50 dollars and has doubled to \$100 dollars now. The person that comes in third

place gets their money back, second place gets \$300 and the winner gets the rest.

Also, we have a hat called a "Fez" that the winner gets as bragging rights.

The fez is awarded to the winner at next year's draft and they get their name stitched onto it so that they are recognized as a winning the championship that year.

So now onto how the actual fantasy football scoring works. Based on the performance of how the players you drafted play, they are rewarded points for certain achievements like rushing yards, receiving yards, passing yards and touchdowns among many other things depending on the particular league.

Then there are two styles of play you can utilize with one being head to head or total points.

With head to head, you play another person in your league each week and the person

with the most points wins.

We play head to head in my league, so it all depends on whom you're playing each week.

There is a lot you can do with the features on the website like smack talk to the person you are playing, pick up available players off a database called a "waiver wire" where players that aren't on anyone's team are located.

On each person's team you are only allowed a certain number of positions for players on your team and bench players. The style you implement for your league is up to the people in that league.

We have spots in the starting roster for 1 quarterback, 2 running backs, 3 wide receivers, 1 tight end, 1 WR/RB flex spot, 1 defense and 1 kicker.

We also have 8 bench spots available to use for players on our team.

A record is also kept track of and how many overall points you earn during

the season. This is done as a tiebreaker when your team and another person's team have the same record.

You play against each other until the last few weeks of the NFL season's regular season. During these last few weeks is when fantasy football playoffs occur.

Most leagues allow the top six teams to advance into the playoffs.

Then a bracket system is used with the number 1 and 2 ranked teams getting a first round bye. That means team 3 and 6 play each other and 4 and 5 play each other.

The winners of those games play the top two seeds and then the championship game is played during week 16 of the NFL regular season.

The champion has bragging rights until next season, their name engraved in history and a nice deposit for their bank account. Sundays will never be the same again.

Week ending number six fantasy football studs and duds

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Quarterback Studs

1. Kevin Kolb (Phi) Played Atlanta and threw for 326 pass yards and 3 pass TD's - 24 points
2. Tony Romo (Dal) Played Minnesota throwing for 220 pass yards and 3 pass TD's - 23 points
3. Aaron Rodgers (GB) Threw for 313 pass yards and 1 pass TD against Miami - 22 points

Duds

1. Tim Tebow (Den) Got 23 rush yards and 1 rush TD against Sanchez's Jets - 8 points
2. Mark Sanchez (NYJ) Against Denver got 198 pass yards, 1 pass TD and 2 INT's - 9 points
3. Donovan McNabb (Was)

- Threw a dismal 246 pass yards, 1 pass TD and 2 INT's on Sunday night football - 11 points

Running back Studs

1. Ryan Torain (Was) Unfamiliar face had a big week with 100 Rush yards and 2 rush TD's - 22 points
2. Arian Foster (Hou) Atop the list again vs. Kansas City with 71 Rush yards and 2 rush TD's - 21 points
3. LaDainian Tomlinson (NYJ) Productive week for LT with 55 rush yards and 2 rush TD's - 18 points

Duds

1. Ladell Betts (NO) 20 rush yards and 1 rush TD - 8 points
2. LeSean McCoy (Phi) My team missed his usual high production, 64 rush yards and

21 rec. yards - 8 points

3. Brandon Jackson (GB) Miami held him in check with 53 rush yards and 9 rec. yards - 8 points

Wide receiver Studs

1. Jeremy Maclin (Phi) Torched Atlanta's secondary for 159 rec. yards and 2 rec. TD's - 27 points
2. Dwayne Bowe (KC) Finally busted out with 108 rec. yards and 2 rec. TD's against Houston - 22 points
3. Calvin Johnson (Det) Played nice for my team with 146 rec. yards and 1 rec. TD vs. the Giants - 20 points

Duds

1. Hakeem Nicks (NYG) 2 lonely points
2. Malcom Floyd (SD) Misery loves company with 2 points

3. Miles Austin (Dal) Logged only 2 air miles this week aka 2 fantasy points

Tight end Studs

1. Benjamin Watson (Cle) Against a tough Pittsburgh D had 88 rec. yards and 1 rec. TD - 14 points
2. Tony Gonzalez (Atl) Gonzo made his impact felt with 19 rec. yards and 2 rec. TD's - 13 points
3. Heath Miller (Pit) Returned the favor to the Browns with 50 rec. yards and 1 rec. TD - 11 points

Duds

1. Jim Kleinsasser (Min) 25 rec. yards - 2 points
2. Rob Gronkowski (NE) Tough Baltimore defense only let him get 24 rec. yards - 2 points
3. Andrew Quarless (GB) Had

an unimpressive 23 rec. yards - 2 points

Kicker Studs

1. Dan Carpenter (Mia) The ball was going through on the regular, netting him 15 points
2. Jason Hanson (Det) He came in second this week with 12 points
3. Matt Prater (Den) A stud for his second straight week by putting up 11 points

Duds

1. David Buehler (Dal) This Cowboy did not giddy up, only getting 3 points
2. Olindo Mare (Sea) He might as well have kicked a can on the sideline with 3 points
3. Shayne Graham (NYG) Detroit kept this golden "Graham" in check with 4 points.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You'll be feeling extremely confident and optimistic at the moment, and you'll be eager to express yourself in every way possible.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You'll be feeling particularly sensitive to the needs of your family, and you should be more than happy to make a few sacrifices on behalf of them.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
There's bound to be an awful lot going on in your life, but you'll be primarily focused on wanting to enjoy yourself with some good friends right now. And if there are any sort of duties or obligations you're expected to deal with, your heart just won't be in it.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You should be encountering some new opportunities to improve your financial situation. And even if you'd like to be out enjoying some type of little adventure, there are bound to be quite a few other things that you'll have to take care of first.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You should be in an optimistic frame of mind at the moment. Your confidence will be running pretty high, and you won't be afraid to stand up for your own interests this week.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
If you have to deal with a few issues concerning your finances this week, just try to take a deep breath and relax a bit before flying off the handle. And don't be afraid to make a few compromises if necessary.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You're really bound to enjoy the social whirl. But whatever you find yourself dealing with, things may not always be quite as clear as you think and some misunderstandings could result if you're not careful.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You're bound to be feeling pretty ambitious this week. Just realize that some important people will be watching you, and you could be ready to show everyone how capable you really are.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You should be able to have a few fun little adventures this week. And if you're still available, you could end up encountering an interesting new romantic opportunity tonight.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You'll really feel like focusing on some of the more exciting aspects of life. But there are bound to be lots of other things to deal with around the house that'll be keeping your feet on the ground.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
If you're doing a lot of running around, you're bound to be striking up conversations with people wherever you go. You'll be feeling a little argumentative.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You ought to be in a pretty cooperative frame of mind, and making a few sacrifices for those you care about could go a long way right now.

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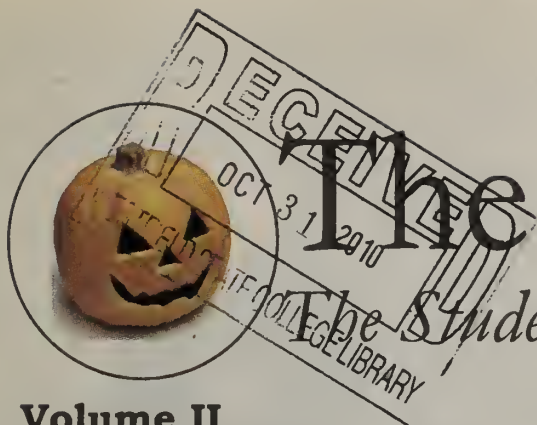
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Theodore's Tavern: Come and get your spirits

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Anyone who is familiar with the Springfield area knows about Theodore's Tavern on 201 Worthington St.

It is located in the heart of Springfield's "Entertainment District." Built in 1893, there are 117 years of activity in the building including the presence of bars, brothels, a hotel, and at one point a speakeasy, which reportedly operated in the basement during prohibition.

Given this information, it is not too surprising when patrons sometimes talk of strange and unexplained occurrences at the tavern. Workers at the building have also reported eerie happenings including footsteps in the bar after closing time, among many other things.

Springfield resident Stephen A. Gonsalves, recalls a few times when he heard and saw things in Theodore's that defied explanation.

"Many times I was one of the last people to leave the bar, after having to pack up my equipment after a gig, and several times I heard footsteps on the floor above, which I knew was

locked tight," said Gonsalves. Coincidentally, Gonsalves is a paranormal investigator for TAPS (The Atlantic Paranormal Society), who hosts a popular Sci-Fi television program called "Ghost Hunters."



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"Ghost Hunters" Stephen Gonsalves, center, stands with co-owners of Theodore's tavern in Springfield Keith Makarowski, left, and Keith Wepler

Gonsalves came up with the idea of contacting Theodore's co-owners Keith Makarowski and Keith E. Wepler with the proposal for "Ghost Hunters" to come to Springfield, and conduct a two-

day investigation of the alleged paranormal activity at the tavern.

Makarowski, who has co-owned the bar with Wepler for over ten years, was excited about the proposed investigation saying,

"Hunters" arrived for a two-night stay at Theodore's to conduct a thorough paranormal investigation.

Lead investigator Grant Wilson says that they don't bring any preconceived notions with them. "We try to disprove a haunting, and if we can't find any natural means for any unexplained activity, then we look at the possibilities of something else."

After meeting with the co-owners, the crew went right to work and after a brief discussion between the co-owners and the lead investigators, it was determined that they were going to cover all five floors.

As the crew began to split up, Gonsalves decided he was going to check out the basement of the building. His job was to set up a thermal imaging camera and a digital voice recorder to try and see or hear ghostly presences.

"As soon as I reached the bottom stair, a cold, blast of wind from seemingly out of nowhere hit me in the face," recalls Gonsalves. "It was then I remembered the rumors of a speakeasy being located down there, and I began to sweat a little bit and I have to admit, I was a little freaked out."

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Campus green

7:00p.m. - Zombie March

Courtney to Dickinson

7:30p.m. - MTG presents Curtains
Dever Stage/Hall

11:00p.m. - CAB
Brown Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, October 30

1:00p.m. - Women's soccer vs. Framingham State
Alumni Field

7:30p.m. - MTG presents Curtains
Dever Hall/Stage

Sunday, October 31

3:00p.m. - Student Recital
Dever Hall/Stage

Sexual Assault Awareness Series - Owl Advantage Program

By Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

Sexual assault affects men and women every hour of every day, even on college and university campuses. The Westfield State Owl Advantage Program is hosting a Sexual Assault Awareness Series.

For the months of October and November, 13 events will be conducted by the Residential Life Staff to educate students, especially first year students, about sexual assault.

The series will explore different aspects of sexual assault in movies, reality television, and in real life.

The programs will inform individuals on the signs of sexual abuse, how to prevent it, and the steps to take if something happens.

The series are a combination of discussions and interactive programs.

The interactive programs throughout the series include Pong, where

students can test their skills and trivia knowledge and Bingo, in which students can learn important facts that can help to keep the community safe.

Paint, Write, Sculpt It Out is another program where students have a chance to share their thoughts on sexual assault through art, and Jeopardy is also another program where students answer questions about sexual assault.

The discussions throughout the series will be on relationships in reality, sex on an individual's terms, and how to recognize abuse.

The series will also have three dinner discussions. At the dinner discussions, students will prepare dinner as a group and then talk about different sexual assault topics.

Finally, the series will have two movie discussions on *Higher Learning* and *Speak*. The entire series will take place through November 18th.

First year students who participate in eight out of the thirteen programs will be entered to win a \$200 gift card



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This teal ribbon represents awareness of sexual assault.

of their choice to Wal-Mart, Target, Best Buy, Stop and Shop, Big Y, or for Owl Bucks. (if they attend four programs a month, they can be entered to

Upper-class students who attend the win \$10 worth of Owl Bucks).

Should you or a friend need help, you can contact the following University offices:

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Things to do this Halloween

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

Still looking for something to do this Halloween weekend? There are plenty of options to choose from, whether it is fun and games at a carnival or a good old-fashioned scary haunted hayride.

Today, October 29th, on the campus green, there will be pumpkin carving between 1-3pm. There are also several options off campus to consider.

Holyoke Heritage State Park is hosting the annual Halloween Spooktacular this coming weekend on October 30th from 1-4pm. This event includes activities such as carnival games and a costume parade.

The historic 1929 merry-go-round, which will be dressed in costume for Halloween weekend, will also be at the Holyoke Heritage State Park on October 30th and 31st. Either day between



Photo courtesy of examiner.com

Six Flags' Fright Fest is only one of the many ways to enjoy Halloween this year.

12 and 4 pm, guests can receive one half priced ride.

Six Flags is joining in on the fun with "Fright Fest." Starting Friday, October 29th, and continuing into the weekend, are fun-filled events like comical reenactments and parodies of historical figures and a magic show called Haunting

Illusions. Six Flag's "Fright Fest" also has more frightful options such as a Midnight Mansion and the Wicked Woods.

One last event is McCray's Farm in South Hadley, which offers "The Monster Mash Haunted Hay Ride." Beginning at 7pm, the hayride runs this weekend until the line ends.

Noble Hospital keeps you waiting

By Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

It makes its home next to a graveyard; it is slow, disorganized, and rather dull. No, it is not a zombie. It is the Emergency Room at Noble Hospital.

When in a crisis, whether mild or severe, people hope the best place to be is in a hospital. This is not so much the case at Noble. Some people have even claimed that they would rather try to "sleep off" a concussion than go to Noble.

"The nurses were rather rude to me," says one senior about her experience at the Noble Hospital ER. "They made it out to seem like my ear infection wasn't that big of a deal."

A Westfield State junior says of her experience, "I could swear I heard them gossiping

about me behind my back."

My own personal experience found me held overnight, sitting on a gurney in the hall with only my phone and an old torn Family Life magazine for entertainment.

I remained uninformed about my situation, what was going on, and what was going to happen next. I had no serious physical ailments and saw no reason to be there.

Eventually I was moved into a storage room to try to grab a few hours of sleep with an open door between a floor polisher, the loud nurses, and me.

In the morning (and I really do mean morning, as in 7 or 8am) I was kicked back out onto the gurney in the hall.

Perhaps the only redeeming feature of Noble was some of the younger nurses who came to talk to me and kept

me company through my ordeal. They helped me through by bringing me food, water, and something clean to wear.

The hospital pastor also stopped by to wish me the best.

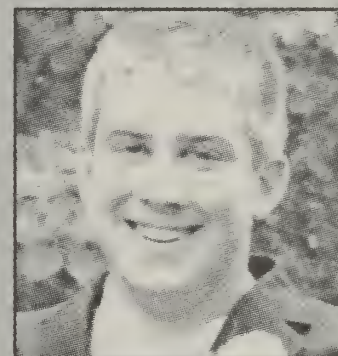
The best part of my experience, as well as that of others I interviewed, was the EMT and ambulance team. Cheery and experienced, they made the whole situation much smoother and less stressful.

One of my friends, a junior Environmental Science major, spoke well of his experience. "I was in and out in two hours for my sprained ankle," he says.

On the other hand, others claimed to have waited for too long.

Overall, the care was pretty good. So whether you go for a sprained ankle or an ear infection, you know Noble will get you the care you need. Eventually,

Student Spotlight



Mike Van Riper

Hometown: Middleboro, MA

Major/Graduation Year: Undeclared/2014

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I plan on getting a job in my field when I choose a major and having a nice family.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
This Town by OAR

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?

I'd invite Mike Eruzione, Bo Burnham, and Hayden Panettiere. I would serve a nice salad, got to keep Hayden looking good.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Watch a movie.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

The first time I met my RA because I realized he had a car and could drive me anywhere.

Lucky number?
11, of course.

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Watch what you say, The P.C. police are coming! The politically correct left is so bent on everybody following their script of "not saying anything whatsoever that may offend anyone for whatever reason," has gone so far as to fire one of their own team members.

NPR has taken political correctness to an obscene level when they announced recently that they have fired popular news analyst Juan Williams from their network.

The move came after Williams, a liberal slanted Fox News political analyst, appeared on The O'Reilly Factor last Monday. The host, Bill O'Reilly, asked him to respond to the notion that the United States was facing a "Muslim Dilemma." O'Reilly said, "The cold truth is that, in the world today jihad (a religious duty of Muslims), aided and abetted by some Muslim nations, is the biggest threat on the planet."

Williams concurred with O'Reilly, and continued, "I mean, look Bill, I'm not a bigot. You know the kind of books I've written about the civil rights movement in this

country. But when I get on the plane, I've got to tell you, if I see people who are in Muslim garb, and I think, you know, they are identifying themselves first and foremost as Muslims, I get worried. I get nervous."

Trying to lend credence to his remark, Williams made reference to the Pakistani immigrant who pleaded guilty this month to trying to plant a car bomb in Times Square. "He said the war with Muslims, America's war is just the beginning, first drop of blood. I don't think there is any way to get away from these facts", Williams said.

NPR said in its statement that the remarks "were inconsistent with our editorial standards and practices, and undermined his credibility as a news analyst with NPR." Poor guy, he honestly stated his feelings as a response to a credible question being asked. He then gets fired. I don't get it....another thing I don't get.

Where were the P.C. police when MSNBC's own uber-liberal news commentator-wannabe, Rachel Maddow said in response to the Times Square bombing attempt. "These are desperate people who have been struggling for centuries, and they are entitled

to their own views concerning their religious beliefs."

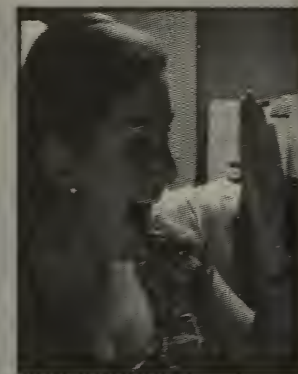
What? Excuse me, I just had a brain hemorrhage. She excused a murderous terrorist for threatening Americans, but Juan Williams gets fired for honestly answering a question. I truly am beginning to worry for the future of journalism when things are so backwards now.

Just a few months ago, a producer for NPR, Sarah Spitz, went so far as to wish death upon the liberal loathed political commentator/entertainer Rush Limbaugh. In a post on a liberal web site, Spitz wrote that she would, "laugh loudly like a maniac and watch his eyes bug out" as Limbaugh writhed in torment.

Admitting she would happily watch a man die in front of her eyes, mainly because she didn't agree with his point of view, she went on to say that she didn't know she had that much hate in her, but insisted that Limbaugh deserved it.

What a wonderful thing for a news producer to say. An NPR news producer, at that. The big difference between her statement and Juan Williams's statement is that she got applauded for her remark. Juan Williams got fired. Go figure.

Editor's Desk



I'm mad at the World Series. They're making it so that Law & Order SVU isn't on tonight. And so that Glee isn't on next week! Let's be serious... who cares about the World Series when the Red Sox aren't in it? ...just kidding. But seriously.

I guess it's probably good because I have a World Music test on Friday and I have to memorize all these songs from Africa and South America and the Caribbean. The Caribbean is cool though because it has "steel band music" from Trinidad (Yeah! I knew that off the top of my head and didn't have to look in my book!!). If you have never heard it, you should look it up, it's pretty cool. And I'm not just saying that because my music teacher could be reading this!!

So anyway, have a HAPPY HALLOWEEN everyone!! As Max Saito would say, "Be safe! You're all beautiful!!"

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Ghost Hunters comes to Springfield

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Although the crew had all five floors under surveillance, lead investigator Grant Wilson put priority on the 3rd floor, where there had been reports of a young boy running between two rows of pool tables.

"These claims have been consistent with many people for the past 70 years, so we thought it was a good location to set up in," explained Wilson.

After they set the equipment up, the usual protocol was to try and communicate with

the alleged spirit by talking with them and saying such things as, 'if there is any one here, please make a sound to let us know,' or, 'we are not here to harm you.'

There were several reports from the crew of unexplained noises the first night, including the infamous sound of bowling balls rolling across the floor.

"I was on a bowling team for 15 years, and I know the sound of bowling balls when I hear it", says Wilson. "The crazy part of this is that there is no bowling

alley anymore, so where is the sound coming from?"

The usual routine of the crew was to go over their findings, if any, after they returned to their motel each night, and after the 2nd night they would give a presentation to the co-owners at Theodore's.

As the crew packed up after the second night at the tavern, they made an appointment with Makarowski and Weppler to go over their findings at noon time the following day.

The first evidence observed was from the 3rd floor.

As the digital recorder and the thermal imaging camera played, the voice of Wilson can be heard calling out to the alleged spirit, while the fuzzy outline of what appeared to be a young child ran around the corner of a pool table. As the tape played, a distinct, but faint sound of a child giggling could be heard.

"We were totally freaked out...It is not very often we get quick results as we did" said Wilson. He went on to say, "We saw this with our own eyes, and I dare anyone to disprove what we saw and heard."

Next up was the audio recording taken by Gonsalves in the basement. On the tape,

Gonsalves can be heard calling out to the alleged spirits, and after a few moments, a fuzzy, garbled voice can be heard on the recorder seeming to say "upstairs, upstairs."

Gonsalves said, "I turned white as I listened to the tape. After all, I was the only one in the cellar at the time!"

Makarowski and Weppler became believers after the presentation, seeing that they now had proof on tape that there is paranormal activity at the tavern.

"I guess it is safe to say that the spirits are not confined exclusively to the bottles behind the bar," chuckled Makarowski.



Editor's Desk

Greetings from the other side of the page!

Samantha and I had this cool idea to give each other high-fives in our editor's desk. We're pretty cool, I know.

Anyway, no Law & Order: SVU this week! It's really sad. This is all thanks to The World Series. If my beloved Red Sox aren't in it, why do I care? That's right, I don't. Give. Me. My. SVU. Now.

Halloween is Sunday and I am not doing anything except watching the scary episodes of SVU marathon...surprised?

I will enjoy that, of course, so everyone else - have a nice weekend and a spooky & great Halloween!

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Well, for this week's political drama, Fox News was involved—once again.

Last week Juan Williams, a NPR news analyst, was fired after he made some questionable comments on the Fox News program The O'Reilly Factor.

Williams, who has worked for NPR since 1999, also makes regular appearances on Fox News.

During one of the programs last week, O'Reilly and Williams were discussing O'Reilly's comments about Muslims on the talk show The View.

Williams claimed that he himself was "not a bigot" but that "when I get on a plane, I got to tell you, if I see people who are in Muslim garb and I think, you know, they are identifying themselves first and foremost as Muslims, I get worried. I get nervous."

Days later, Mr. Williams was fired by NPR.

NPR received criticism, especially from conservative groups, who claim that NPR is too liberal and should not receive any federal subsidies. Why should NPR be criticized? They fired an employee who did not follow the rules.

As CEO Vivian Schiller said in a statement, "Juan's comments on Fox News last Monday were the latest in a series of deeply troubling incidents over several years...he was explicitly and repeatedly asked to respect NPR's standards and to avoid expressing strong personal opinions on controversial subjects in public settings, as that is inconsistent with his role as an NPR news analyst."

Although Ms. Schiller expressed that she does "deeply regret the way I



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Debate over justification of the termination of the NPR senior analyst Juan Williams continues.

handled and explained it," she also said she was going to stand by the decision to terminate William's employment at NPR.

NPR's decision to fire Williams is valid because he had violated the rules and ethics of a news analyst previously.

Hence, his firing was the culmination of incidents, not the result of one incident. Regardless, his comments are bigoted and buy into stereotypes.

Admitting he was "nervous" on airplanes because someone was in Muslim dress is judging someone based on religion and appearance, and that amounts to prejudice.

Williams, who has just signed a multi-year deal with Fox News after NPR let him go, is complaining about his termination and said that he believes "Americans feel there's nothing wrong in telling someone how you feel" and "to be punished for that is unfair and amounts to censorship."

Censorship? Anyone has the right to explain how they feel, but when those comments are broadcast on television, that is inappropriate.

Essentially, NPR did not want to be associated with an employee who makes controversial remarks that are intolerant.

When employees fall out of line in any job or field, they are fired. NPR can hardly be accused of "censoring" Mr. Williams' speech.

They simply did not want an employee to express views that are inconsistent with their own, just as any company would do.

Now, Mr. Williams can spout whatever nonsense he wants to because he has signed a longer contract with Fox News Channel and can use that outlet to make rude and intolerant comments.

Being tolerant and not buying into stereotypes are not "liberal" or "conservative" values. They are human values.

As such, they should be embraced by the media, who are constantly filling American minds with ideas.

Television and radio news stations have an obligation to practice tolerance and acceptance and if a radio station sees an employee violating that obligation, then it has the perfect right to let that person go.

NPR was acting within its own right to end the employment of someone who blatantly violated their "commitment to diversity" and "integrity and values as a news organization."

Cooking with Nicole Nado

Monster Rice Crispy Treats!

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons of butter
- 1 package 10 oz. regular marshmallows
- 6 cups Rice Krispies (or similar cereal)
- Frosting and/or decorating gel
- Assorted candies (for monster facial features)

Steps

- In large saucepan melt butter over low heat
- Add marshmallows

and stir until completely melted

- Remove from heat.
- Add Rice Krispies cereal and stir until well coated
- Using buttered spatula or wax paper evenly press mixture into pan coated with cooking spray
- Cut into scary monster shapes!
- Decorate with frosting and/or candies!

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Halloween - 1978

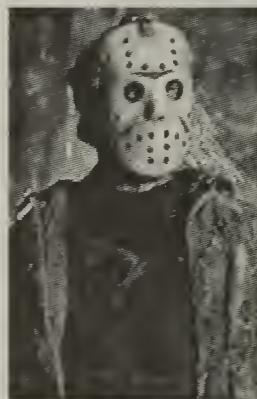


On October 31, 1963, six-year-old Michael Myers walked in on his sister and her boyfriend in bed to-

gether. Later that night the police were called to their home because seventeen-year-old Judith Myers was stabbed to death in her bedroom. Michael was institutionalized in a maximum-security prison for her murder but after fifteen years he escaped just a few days before Halloween of 1978. He has returned and before his psychia-

trist can warn the town, it is too late for many people. Jaime Lee Curtis plays Lori Strode, Michael Myers's sister and the object of his obsession. He stalks her throughout the movie, wanting only to finish her off like he did to their sister so many years ago. He never walks, but only ominously walks from victim to victim.

Friday the 13th - 1980



The summer of 1957 at Camp Crystal Lake, a young boy named Jason Voorhees drowned

in the lake because to get killed one by his camp counselors one. It seems that Jason were too busy in bed for revenge against to pay attention to the counselors who a year later, two counselors would rather have were murdered, causing the fun with each other than watch their camp to close down. campers. He had a When it attempted to very close relationship reopen in 1962, fires with his mother, and bad water prohibiting the murders or prohibited it. Now, in was it Jason back 1979, the owner decides to open it, and a from the waters? His few counselors come his hockey mask hides to help. They all start his disformities.

Playwrights Forum: unique plays spark interest

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On October 22nd, I had the pleasure of going to the Student Theatre Association's (STA) Producer Series Event, A Playwright's Forum.

This was an event that featured dramatic reading by members of the STA.

They read plays written by WSU students in the Script Writing Class and other plays selected to be read aloud.

All of the plays were very emotionally charged and well written. The plays ranged in focus, with topics that touched upon Russian family life, a volcano eruption, relationships, zombies, and ghosts.

Each play was about an act or so in length, and all were very different. The first play, *Anastasia's Torture*, written by David Andersen, takes place outside of Moscow in the 1890s.

The story centers on Anastasia and her love for her

sister Alora's fiancé, Dimitri.

Another play called *Vesuvias*, which was written by Brian Scannell, focuses on the eruption of Mount Vesuvias. An elderly man named George, who is depressed, refuses to leave his house. A young police officer, Robert Ramirez, tries to make him leave, and by doing so causes harm to himself.

Another play, *Alamo Insurance*, which was written by Richard Valera, told the story of two survivors in a zombie apocalypse. It was rather comical and very unique.

Forever After by Ben Lapean was one of the many emotional plays about a romantic relationship between a male and a female. *Forever After* tells the story of a worldly young woman who has just returned from Spain only to find that her boyfriend has been unfaithful.

Wanting, by Lexi Wight, told the story of two college-age students who want

to be together, but deny it.

Dispositions, by Robert Van Wart, focuses on a freshman couple who differs over religion while *Things Left Unsaid*, written by Richard Valera, tells the story of one woman's struggle with abortion.

Scattered Pages, by Ben Lapean, is about a man who struggles to let go of his deceased wife and stay with another woman. *Black and White Lies* by Lexi Wight is about a dysfunctional relationship between a father and daughter.

The last play that was read, *Wholly Unsayable*, by Mary Cafferty, was about one boy who loves a ghost and can't let her go.

After the plays were read, there was a question and answer session in which the playwrights' answered questions asked by the audience.

All of the plays were very well written and well read. I really look forward to the next Playwright's Forum.

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6. The Purple People Eater
7. The Addams Family (Main Title)
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9. Attack of the Killer Tomatoes
10. Martian Hop

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“Airtight’s Revenge” - Bilal Oliver writes his heart out

By Lewis Pacheco
Voice Reporter

In the early 2000’s, Bilal Oliver was at the forefront of the neo-soul movement of classic soul-influenced songwriters and he combined the music with hip-hop, collaborating with Lauryn Hill, Erykah Badu, D’Angelo, The Roots, Mos Def, Common, and many more.

His debut in 2001, *First Born Second*, featured beats from Dr. Dre and J Dilla, was well received by fans and critics but not commercially. Label issues then prevented him from releasing any new material for almost a whole decade.

Finally, after signing with California indie-soul label Plug Research, he has dropped a stunner: *Airtight’s Revenge*. “Cake And Eat It Too” opens the album with a burst of electronic noise before settling into a very J Dilla-esque beat.

Dirtier and earthier synths mixed with jazzy guitar strums and hard drums all blend with Bilal’s multi-tracked vocals.

Bilal’s vocals really are incredible; between his pure tone and different voices and singing about trying to find his own identity, he sounds like a second Stevie Wonder or Prince.

Over this mix, one can make out lyrics about seeking meaning and reality in the modern era.

Both the lyrics and music prepare the listener for a dense, paranoid, and even painful listening experience, which is exactly what the listener gets.

On “Restart”, he pleads to his partner that he’s still committed despite never being close to home, asking if it’s “too late to start again.”

The track is densely packed with sounds, similar to Autechre and 2000’s Radiohead.

The whole mix becomes more and more chaotic



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as the song goes on, building to a major climax, a pattern Bilal and producer Stevie McKie repeat over and over again as *Airtight’s Revenge* progresses.

“All Matter” is jazzier, which makes sense given the fact he previously recorded the tune with pianist and collaborator Robert Glasper.

However, the reading here too is denser, much denser than the sparse jazz take. Comparing the two versions reveals one of the album’s intentions: creating memorable and moving soundscapes.

The album sure succeeds, since this reviewer can’t name a single thing it sounds like.

Instead, it’s a blend of nearly every genre: rock, soul, jazz, hip-hop, electronica.

Most surprising

are a series of storytelling ballads á la Stevie Wonder.

“Flying” is a dark tale about a girl trapped up in the prostitution and drug games: “So [messed] up on prescription pills/she’ll never trust a man again/now she’s cryin’/she’s flyin’.”

It begins quiet, with Glasper playing minor key jazz chords, and then builds up to a grungy guitar firestorm.

The penultimate song “Who Are You” is where the album finds its climax.

Over folky guitar strums and warm, carnal synth blurts, he first tells stories of people who define themselves based on categories that exist outside themselves (“Ever told you about the boy/who said he was a Virgo?/He walked around doing every little thing/

He thought a Virgo does”).

Then he turns to where he feels he is now as a human being (“I’m a lover/I’m a fighter/I’m a saint/I’m a sinner/I’m a loser/I’m a winner/ but I’m just a beginner”), coming full circle lyrically from “Cake And Eat It Too”.

After the recording fades out, a reggae groove fades in, and the listener is left with a feeling of cathartic bliss.

Now, this record is not for the faint of heart. If you want simple beats and boring lyrics about sex, stay away.

If you want to hear a man sing and write his heart out over mind-expanding soundscapes, and want to hear one of the best records so far of this fresh new decade, then *Airtight’s Revenge* cannot disappoint.

Behind the scenes: Music Theatre Guild and 'Curtains'

By Matt Jardin and
Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporters

The Musical Theatre Guild will be putting on a production of the show *Curtains* based on the book by Peter Stone. Opening night was Dever Auditorium in Parenzo on Thursday, October at 7:30. There are two more shows tonight at tomorrow night at 7:30 with a matinee on Saturday, the 30th, at 2pm.

Curtains takes place in Boston in 1959. It follows a Boston theater crew trying to repair the reputation of its production of a "Robin Hood" musical after it gets destroyed by a theater critic from the Boston Globe. But then, on the opening night of their redemption, the star of the show is murdered.

Now it's up to Frank Cioffi, a detective and theater lover, to solve the case and save the show. After all, as the saying goes, "the show must go on."

The play is directed by Brian Cipoletta and Kasey Sheehan. Other personnel include Musical Director Nicole Deluca, Choreographer Katie Manopoli, stage managers Steph Paylor and Bridget Collins, and Tech director Ernie Iannaccone.

Among the lead actors are Barrett Tamaren-Leddy, Libby Boland, Chris Holmes, Lindsay DeWinkleleer, Tyler Cavanagh, Jamie Faulkner, and Adam Haberman.

According to Brian Cipoletta, "The show looks great, it is really coming together, everyone is being very cooperative and it's going very smoothly."

Kasey Sheehan said, "Everyone is doing absolutely fantastic. I'm really excited for the show, I love the cast. We have really talented new people and the veterans make it look easy."

One of those talented new people is Barrett Tamaren-Leddy. After being asked how he felt about being in a lead role his freshman year, said, "It feels amazing, I was so surprised that I got it. I really didn't expect it."

When asked about his nerves he replied, "I'm fine. Everyone is being really helpful and I'm not worried. I think I have everything down."

Choreographer Katie Manopoli said that she was really nervous over the summer because she had never been a lead choreographer before but it was a new, and exciting experience. "I had a lot of help from Libby making the dances, it was a great



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experience," said Katie.

There are a lot of seniors performing their last MTG show in the Dever auditorium. After this show, the club will be looking for a new location.

Senior Tyler Cavanagh commented, "I love Dever, but it will be a good opportunity for the people who haven't really performed in a different space."

Some of the members of MTG are also members of the

other theater group on campus, the Student Theatre Association (STA), as well as the Music Society and the Night Owls.

They have a great rapport with the Music Department since that's the home of their advisor, Mary Brown Bonacci.

Chris Holmes sums the production up, saying, "Curtains is so fun; it's funny, it's serious, and it takes place in Boston.

People can connect with that and the love stories. It seems like a very typical story with everything, but there are lots of twists to keep you interested. The audience can really connect with the performers but there is still a sense of wonder.

"Anyone who is even remotely interested should come and see 'Curtains' because it is really going to be a great time for everyone," Holmes encourages.

Teen viewers opinions differ on MTV's '16 and Pregnant'

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

This week, MTV premiered a new season of their hit show "16 and Pregnant."

A show that has sprung the rating hit known as "Teen Mom" tells the tale of girl who are 16, have become pregnant, and are now dealing with the struggles of being a teen mom (or, in one case, having given their child up for adoption).

With so many shows focused on the sensitive subject of teenage pregnancy, it is expected that the network will receive some backlash.

However, the real

question is this: is MTV glorifying teenage pregnancy by putting the spotlight on these young women, or is the network teaching young girls a lesson by exposing the additional issues that teenage mothers have to deal with?

Some of the teen moms have been on the cover of magazines and been guests on talk shows, their hair done up and their makeup professionally applied, with big smiles on their faces as they hug their babies.

This show seems to send the message to teens that "being a teen mom can get me on MTV and the cover of US Weekly... awesome!"

Why these girls have been made into stars, is something I do not understand.

But on the other hand does this show showcase the reality of being pregnant at such a young age and the challenges that you might face?

That is why this show is so confusing to me.

Still, MTV's new teen-mom reality shows have drawn criticism that they are glamorizing teen motherhood.

After MTV teen moms Maci, Farrah, Amber, and Catelynn turned up on the cover of Us Weekly, you have to ask yourself, why are these girls on the cover of magazines, why aren't other

girls who go through this same situation on the covers?

The main reason is that those girls on MTV sell magazines.

Bill Albert, chief program officer for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, said recently, "Their stories are so heart-rending that one could make the argument that these are the best teen-pregnancy-prevention public service announcements ever made."

Mr. Albert's view of the show was supported recently by a survey to find out what teens really thought of "16 and Pregnant."

The poll, which

the National Campaign commissioned, found that out of more than 1,000 teens, six out of ten had seen the show.

Of those teens, 82 percent thought that the show helped teens understand the challenges of childbearing much better, while only 15 percent thought it glamorized having a baby in high school.

I am still unsure about what to make out of this MTV show, but one thing I know is that people will still watch it and either view it as a positive or a negative.

What do you think? Watch MTV's "16 and Pregnant" is on Tuesday's at 10 p.m.

'Alice, Sweet Alice' - halloween movie full of suspense

By Jessica Valli
Voice Reporter

Halloween is vastly approaching and soon a number of us will be regretting eating that second bag of candy. What better way to celebrate it than with a movie: 1976's "Alice, Sweet Alice".

It's a story about two sisters, Alice (Linda Miller) and Karen Spages (Brooke Shields), who don't get along because they are completely different.

Karen, in her mother's eyes, is the perfect little angel and is always being overly pampered, while Alice is always seen as an evil child who has some serious mental health issues.

The movie takes place on Karen's communion day where she is found murdered and left in a chest in the church. One by one people



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are being killed by someone wearing a yellow raincoat and a clear plastic mask, which happens to be Alice's normal attire.

The film is well paced and filled with suspense; the

scariest part of the film is the first 10 minutes where Alice steals Karen's porcelain doll and lures her into an abandoned building.

This film has elements of the bizarre and disturbing,

most notably Alice's perverted landlord, Mr. Alphonso (Alphonso DeNoble) who is infatuated with her.

These disturbing interactions make up the comedy side of the film. At times the

jokes are a bit sick but will always provide for a good laugh.

I love the creative ways Alice instills her revenge on the landlord, like putting coach roaches on him while he is sleeping.

This movie is great for those who love suspense, mystery, comedy, and those who prefer a little less gore in their horror films. The ending is a bit of a shocker and will definitely leave you with a lot of questions.

The film was also listed as number 89 on Bravo's 100 Scariest Movie Moments. "Alice, Sweet Alice" is rated R. Although it can be seen on YouTube in its entirety, it's definitely worth purchasing because it's a film that you'll want to see again and again.

This film will definitely make you think twice before you pick up a clear plastic facemask again.

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Top six most popular selling Halloween costumes for 2010

Whether your six or 36, there's fun for everyone during Halloween. You may not go from house to house picking up Halloween goodies and saying "trick-or-treat," but dressing up is still all part of the fun.

Here are some of the hot costumes this year, for young kids and adults too:

First, Lady GaGa costumes, raise your hand if you're surprised. The two most popular costumes this year are the outfit she wore at the VMAs and her black and silver sequin dress. They have been creating a buzz on Facebook and Twitter as Halloween-ers all over are showing off their Gag-ness to the rest of the world.

Second is Modern-Day vampire costumes. Again, surprised? I'm sure modern day means Twilight and Edward Cullen costumes, but none the less, they are on the list. These

vamps have a mysterious, sensual and somewhat sensitive appeal to them (just don't go out in the sun or another "s" word comes into play... sparkle). To go along with that, Party City has a Moonlight Bite vampire costume which does actually sparkle.

Third is 1980's come-back costumes. Sorry, folks, I'm all out of jokes for this one. These costumes are expected to be accessorized with big hair, leggings, bright neon colors, lace gloves, and acid-wash denim.

Fourth is Jersey Shore cast member costumes. I get enough Guido without even watching the show, now they're coming out in full force on Halloween... a whole day dedicated to being a Guido... oh no. Anyways, Party City has all the accessories needed to create your own Jersey Shore ensemble, including Snooki's leopard mini-

dress, bumpit wig, and orange-tinted bronzer. Fellas, you aren't left out, though, because they also have Pauly D's gelled wig and a "Situation" muscle tee.

Fifth is Roman and Greek Goddess costumes. The long, flowing, pretty Greek robes and gladiator sandals, a popular trend now anyway, make for a simple yet great Halloween costume. Party City carries a wide selection of Greek, Roman, and Egyptian style costumes as well.

Last, but not least, is the movie-inspired costumes. That's a pretty general statement, but it makes it easy to think of something to put together. Movies like Iron Man 2, Toy Story 3, Avatar, and Alice in Wonderland make for great costume inspirations. A year-to-year favorite is still, and always will be, Darth Vader.

So there are your top six most popular costumes this



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Halloween season. Do as you wish this year, but remember: it all in one night while watching "Friday the 13th" and "Halloween," have fun and be safe!

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2010 World Series features unfamiliar faces

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

This year's World Series features two young ball clubs with major talent. The 2010 World Series Championship will be fought out between the San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers.

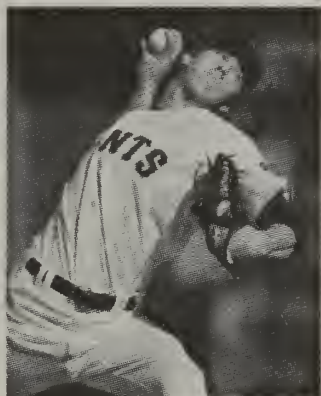
Like many of the students on campus, I'm also happy to see the Rangers handle the defending champs in the ALCS, needing only six games to send the Yankees home.

The Rangers are heading to the World Series for the first time in the franchises' 49-year history.

The Rangers are led at the plate by Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero, who has revived his career in Arlington.

Cliff Lee, who was

stout in last season's World Series pitching for the Phillies, anchors their starting rotation.



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Tim Lincecum is the ace of the Giant's staff.

San Francisco on the other side is headed back to

World Series since last visiting in 2003 against the Angles.

The Giants are a very different team today than they were in '03 as this team's strength is their bullpen.

Throughout the play-offs the Giants bullpen has stranded runners in key situations. They did the unthinkable as they went into Philadelphia and beat them up in six games.

The key for the Giants to win this series is to take game one at home against Cliff Lee. The Giants starting pitching depth will help them take the series at that point if game one goes San Francisco's way.

In my predictions a couple weeks ago, I chose every matchup correctly except the Phillies-Giants series.

I can't chance San Francisco proving me wrong again, and I'm going to choose them to win the 2010 World Series in seven games.

The Giants fans have truly got their team inspired as they've been screaming their heads off each night.

Teams who win the Fall Classic usually have great bullpens and the Giants' bullpen has been the best of any team throughout this year's playoffs.

The home field advantage earned in the All-Star game will in my opinion give San Francisco their sixth World Series ring.

The last time they won was in 1954 when the Giants were still in New York. The 1954 series is most remembered for the "The Catch" when Willie Mays caught an over

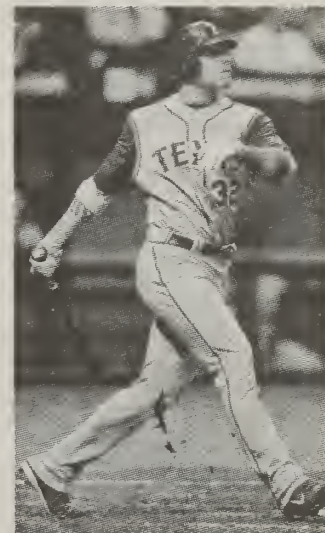


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Josh Hamilton leads the A.L. Champs at the plate.

the head fly ball sweeping my beloved Indians in four games.

10 ways to score that job!

You don't want just a nibble or an interview -- you want an actual job offer! Get your foot in the door and kick it wide open with these expert tips:

1. Be a great match on paper
"Getting the job offer is often a function of the quality of match between you and the job requirements. That's why your résumé needs to have key words and achievements that are relevant to the specific job," says Catherine Jewell, author of "New Résumé New Career: Get the Job You Want with the Skills and Experience You Already Have."

2. Keep your references up to speed
Send a quick e-mail alerting references to the position for which you are applying. "Let them know the specific skills sought after for this job and the strengths you are stressing in your own positioning for this opening so they can support you," says Harvey Mackay, author of "Use Your Head to Get Your Foot in the Door: Job Search Secrets No One Else Will Tell You."

3. Do your homework
Candidates who are unable to hold a basic conversation about the company they would like to join appear unprepared and disinterested. "Do your research on the employer," stresses Julie Rulis, a senior recruiter for Western Union's talent acquisition team. "This goes beyond just looking at the company's website. Review the company's financial statements."

4. Be consistent in multiple interviews
"A foremost reason why companies conduct multiple interviews is to make sure that candidates present a credible and consistent picture of themselves to various members of the team," Mackay says. While the interviewers' questions may or may not differ greatly, be sure that you are accurate in

presenting your history (which should match your résumé.)

5. Ask positive, intelligent questions in the interview
"Candidates appropriately spend the bulk of their time preparing to answer questions they anticipate being asked," Mackay says. "Always be ready to ask two or three questions yourself that show you have studied the company and that you are thinking about the top-of-mind issues that the company is considering."

6. Translate your past into future success
Show your capabilities. Weave real examples from your past into your interview, and quantify production whenever possible ("Sales went up 10 percent after my team implemented ..."). "We find that those professionals who successfully secure

employment fully understand the value of their previous contributions and can communicate this from the employer's perspective," says Jennifer Dunleavy, president of The Accuro Group, a professional services organization based in Cary, N.C.

7. Be specific about the contribution you can make now
You may be dying to know the salary scale or how fast new hires move up. Focus on the position at hand and why you are the candidate best-suited to fill it. "Research and probe in your interview conversations for things the company needs now to ratchet up its performance. Show how you are part of the solution," Mackay says.

8. Be likable
Get the interview off to a good start by being on time. Smile at people you pass. "When it's all

said and done, people hire people they like," Jewell says. "Try to relax in the interview and show that you are a likable, fun person. Don't be afraid to laugh."

9. Ask for the job
Leave no doubt in the interviewer's mind about your enthusiasm. Jewell recommends ending the meeting by saying, "I would really like to contribute to this company. I am hoping you select me."

10. Follow up
Finally, don't sit around thinking an employer will call if interested. Keep your name in the forefront by taking a few minutes to convey gratitude for the opportunity and excitement for the company. "Don't underestimate the power of a thank-you note," Rulis says. "It can really set you apart from the competition."

Rams put on passing clinic in victory over Westfield

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Coming off a very impressive victory last week over Coast Guard, the Westfield State Owls were ready to showcase Evan Berneche for a second week against the Framingham State Rams.

Unfortunately, nobody told Kurt Leone and James McCarthy this as Leone (the Rams' quarterback) put on a show for the fans at Alumni Field, throwing for 313 yards and four touchdowns on 15-22 passing in a 48-27 beat down of the Owls.

All four of those touchdowns went to his favorite wide receiver, McCarthy, who now has 16 touchdown grabs on the year.

Coming into this game the Owls had beaten the Rams 14 straight times including a 20-2 victory last year.

However, that was a different Rams team. Leone, who transferred from Merrimack this year, has 24 touchdowns passes on the

year, which is a single season record for the Rams.

McCarthy also put his name in the record books as he added most touchdown receptions, points and touchdowns in a single season to his resume.

With the loss, the Owls now fall to 3-5 on the season (2-3 in the conference).

With the Rams offense producing many points early, the Owls were forced to throw the ball and were unable to control the clock with their running game.

Quarterback Tyler Dow, who was 3-15 for 26 yards and an interception, was later pulled in favor of Dylan Smith, who was 6-11 for 90 yards and led the Owls on two scores.

One of the TDs came on a pass to Berneche and the second came when he ran it in himself.

Berneche was the only real bright spot on offense for Westfield, accumulating 115 all-purpose yards (74 on the ground and 41 receiving).

This was the second game that Berneche played running back and he was un-

able to equal the stellar performance he had last week when he ran for over 200 yards and received the Golden Helmet award for best offensive performance in New England.

Berneche had three touchdowns in the game, one on a 33-yard pass from Smith late in the game and two rushing touchdowns, but it was not enough to stop the Rams on this day.

On the defensive side of the ball, Justin Ehrhardt and Ryan O'Connell both chipped in with 9 tackles each to lead the Owls.

The Owls will try to regain their confidence and get a win this week as they travel to Buzzard's Bay to face Mass Maritime Academy at 1:30 p.m.

The Mass Maritime Buccaneers come into this game after a tough loss to Maine Maritime 28-27. The loss brought the Buccaneers record to 4-4.

Mike Stanton leads the Mass Maritime offense and has thrown for 893 yards with 7 touchdowns and 8 interceptions this season.

The Bucs' other big

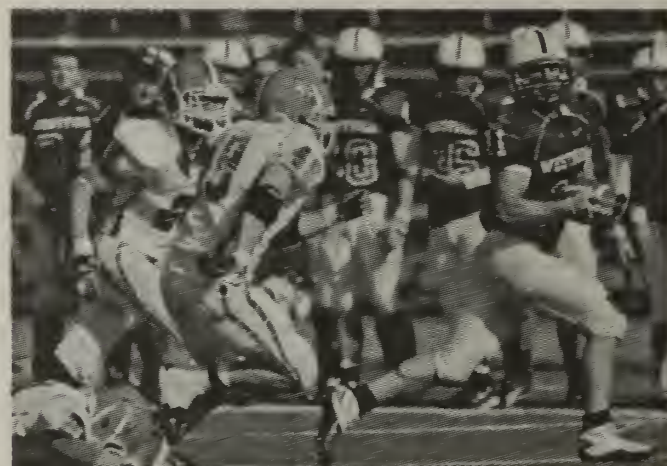


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Evan Berneche led the Owls' offense with three touchdowns, but it wasn't enough in the loss to Framingham.

weapon on the offensive side is Matt White, who has 9 rushing touchdowns on the year.

Coming off a tough loss, it will be important for the Owls' defense to step up and create turnovers in order for the Owls to maintain a solid running game.

Westfield might be without defensive end Chris Walker who left the game against Framingham with

an injury. Walker leads the Owls with 4 sacks this season.

In addition, it will be interesting to see how Westfield's secondary recovers after allowing so many yards in the passing game last week.

The Owls only have two games left on the schedule this season. Their final game will come on November 6 against Fitchburg State at Alumni Field.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 8 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, October 31.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 8 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
Washington vs. Detroit	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS
Buffalo vs. Kansas City	KC	KC	KC	KC	KC
Denver vs. San Francisco	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN
Miami vs. Cincinnati	MIA	MIA	MIA	CIN	CIN
Green Bay vs. N.Y. Jets	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
Carolina vs. St. Louis	STL	STL	STL	CAR	CAR
Jacksonville vs. Dallas	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL
Tennessee vs. San Diego	SD	SD	TEN	TEN	SD
Tampa Bay vs. Arizona	ARI	TB	TB	TB	ARI
Minnesota vs. New England	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Seattle vs. Oakland	SEA	SEA	SEA	OAK	SEA
Pittsburgh vs. New Orleans	NO	NO	PIT	NO	PIT
Houston vs. Indianapolis	IND	IND	IIND	HOU	IND
Last Week	9-5	8-6	8-6	9-5	6-8
Season Record	63-41	57-31	59-45	59-45	59-45
Congratulations to Week 7 Winner Trevor Kelly (9-5)					
Bye Teams: Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, N.Y. Giants and Philadelphia					

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



I'm hanging up the cleats for a week. Time to talk politics.

If you have no interest in hearing me talk about anything other than sports, read the next few paragraphs (that actually deal with sports) and then check back next week.

Sure, there are plenty of great sports topics I could talk about this week, but sometimes in life there are more pressing issues in the world outside the world of sports (as hard as that is to believe sometimes).

I could talk about many subjects including the Patriots barely holding on against the Chargers last Sunday to scrape by with a win.

The inability of the Pats' new look offense to throw the ball more than 15 yards down field. The Patriots' improved run defense but lack of a second cornerback next to Devin McCourty (if only Leigh Bodden was healthy).

The Patriots taking on Randy Moss and Brett Favre on Halloween...oh wait, scratch that, Favre is expected to miss his first start in 291 games (an NFL record).

The Boston Celtics making Miami's new "Big Three" look absolutely silly on opening night.

The Rangers and Giants making it to the World Series – the dream matchup that I said I'd love to see happen in my column two weeks ago (check the paper from October 15 if you don't believe me).

The Chiefs and Seahawks being 4-2. The Chargers being 2-5 and the Tony Romo-less Cowboys being 1-5.

And how about the Cleveland Browns beating the defending Super Bowl champs down in New Orleans?

It was a crazy, turnover filled week in the NFL.

But Election Day

is four days from now and as I stated earlier, there are more pressing matters to discuss this week.

Editor's note: this is the point where people who only want to hear me talk about sports can put down the paper until next Friday's issue.

Sometimes politics and the world outside this campus can be the furthest thing from student's minds. And while living on campus can serve as a bubble that seems to isolate you from the rest of the world, the upcoming election may have a bigger impact on the lives of students than many of you would think.

I hope that the majority of students reading this are registered to vote – but knowing the percentage of my friends who are registered to vote I have a sad feeling that this is not the case.

If you're not registered to vote, it's to late for this election, but go register before the next elections take place. It takes five minutes to go to your town or city clerk and fill out a simple form. That's it, you're registered.

For those students are registered vote, I really hope that if you live close to campus you will be able to go home and vote.

If you live a ways from campus, like I do, then I hope you requested for an absentee ballot. Again, this is a very simple process.

I requested an absentee ballot two weeks ago and got one mailed to me by my town clerk last week.

At this point, it will be too late to get an absentee ballot unless you happen to be going home this weekend. So if there is any way that you can get to the polls and vote, I really hope you do so.

I'm not going to give one of those speeches saying that it's your "civic duty as an

American citizen to go out and vote." I don't care if you believe that or not and I don't care if your political views clash with mine.

Students need to be more involved with politics no matter what side of the political spectrum you place yourself on – or if you have no idea what side of the aisle you tend to lean towards.

Two of the three statewide ballot questions (for you Massachusetts residents out there) deal directly with student's every day lives.

One is whether or not the sales tax should be reduced from 6.25% to 3% and the other is whether or not the sales tax on alcohol should be eliminated.

The first question affects anyone who makes purchases here in the state and pays a sales tax on items. But it affects Westfield students especially since this state funded institution relies on tax dollars for the majority of things it does.

There are great arguments for both sides of the issue and no matter which side you agree with, the results of that question will definitely have

an impact on all students' lives.

There is a hotly contested governor's race being waged here in the Bay State along with many races for U.S. representatives as well as state senators and representatives.

While the governor's race and U.S. representative races steal most of the spot light, the races for senate and representative seats on Beacon Hill are much more important than people give them credit for.

I haven't even mentioned the races being waged for state treasurer, auditor, secretary of state, attorney general and three seats on the governor's council. If you have never hear of these positions you're definitely not alone, but hey too have a major impact on the lives of Massachusetts citizens.

Between these positions and the Massachusetts General Court (the Representatives and Senators in Congress) they can veto and override virtually anything the governor tries to get down.

The race for governor is getting all the attention,

but the winners of these other races will have a bigger impact on the politics of the state for the next few years.

So for those of you who are voting, don't leave any question or race blank. Do some research and find out which candidates you think will be best for the state, even for the positions you may think have will no impact on your life at all.

This election will have major implications for what happens over the next few years both here in Massachusetts and nationwide.

So before you play a pick up basketball game rather than go to the polls and vote, think about it and decide which choice will have a greater impact on your future.

Unless you plan on going to the NBA, I think you know which answer is the correct choice.

Well that's enough ramblings for this week. I'll be back next Friday actually talking about sports. In the meantime, have a great weekend, enjoy your Halloween and remember what I said... go vote.



Upcoming WSU Home Games



Saturday, October 30

Women's Soccer vs. Framingham State @ 1:00 p.m.

Women's Swimming vs. Simmons College @ 1:00 p.m.

Friday, November 5

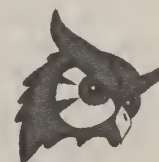
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Nichols College @ 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, November 6

Football vs. Fitchburg State @ 12:00 p.m.



Support your Owls!



Fantasy football week number seven studs and duds

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Week 7 was an interesting week in the NFL and in fantasy football. The Oakland Raiders scored 59 points, the Cleveland Browns killed the New Orleans Saints and a lot of footballs were sent over the field goal posts courtesy of the scrawny "make or break a game" players, aka the kickers.

A few familiar faces had off weeks while some new faces had a "stud" week, leading to a big smile on their face Monday morning. Let's check out the Sunday scene.

Quarterback Studs

1. Ryan Fitzpatrick (Buf) - 374 passing yards, 4 pass TD's - 30 Fantasy Points
"Fitz" is not familiar with the stud lounge as his dismal Buffalo Bills are still looking for win.
2. Carson Palmer (Cin) - 412 passing yards, 3 pass TD's - 28 Fantasy Points
Carson Palmer, the great Wop genius, hurled his way to getting my fantasy team (Tate's Golden Boys) a cool 28 in route to a victory for my team this week.
3. Matt Ryan (Atl) - 299 passing yards, 3 pass TD's - 25 Fantasy Points
"Matty Ice" as he is known around these parts had himself a great showing, firing his cannon all over the field against the Bengals.

Quarterback Duds

1. Derek Anderson (Ari) - 96 passing yards - 3 Fantasy Points
Derek Anderson had a matrix of Seattle Seahawks to avoid as he was held under 100 passing yards and no TD's in relief of Max Hall. He's sleeping on the couch tonight.
2. Jay Cutler (Chi) - 281 passing yards, 1 pass TD and 4 INT's - 9 Fantasy Points
Jay "Chicken Cutler" Cutler

did not bring his "A" game to the field against the Washington Redskins.

3. Alex Smith (SF) 129 passing yards, 1 pass TD - 9 Fantasy Points
Smith played a Carolina team that has been struggling but couldn't find his groove against them. His lone TD was to Vernon Davis before he was injured in the third quarter and never returned.

Running Back Studs

1. Darren McFadden (Oak) - 165 rushing yards, 4 total TD's - 43 Fantasy Points
The one bright spot for the Raiders offense is McFadden whom had a McFantastic day running against the Denver Broncos defense as the Broncos allowed 59 points to what many consider to be a bottom tier Oakland team. Enjoy your day in the sun Darren, with that offensive line of yours, your "Stud Status" may not last too long. McFadden was the player with the most Fantasy points this week.
2. Michael Turner (Atl) - 121 rushing yards, 2 rush TD's - 26 Fantasy Points
Michael "the Burner" Turner had a great game against the Cincinnati Bengals as the Atlanta offense was firing on all cylinders. With big expectations, Turner has finally shown that he is capable of all the praise with over 100 rushing yards and 2 TD's.
3. Adrian Peterson (Min) - 131 rushing yards, 1 rush TD - 23 Fantasy Points
Adrian "All Day" Peterson as he is called, ran all over the Green Bay Packers. Not sure if you have had the opportunity to witness Peterson's running ability, but he looks like a thoroughbred horse on the football field. His athletic ability is near the top in the league and he didn't fumble this week either which is a positive sign since fumbling is his Achilles heel.

Running Back Duds

1. Cedric Benson (Cin) - 6 Fantasy Points
Cedric did not entertain today as he got 6 fantasy points and the Bengals had more success throwing the ball.
2. Chris Johnson (Ten) - 66 rushing yards, 7 rec. yards - 7 Fantasy Points
Johnson, the #1 overall pick in most fantasy drafts, had an unfamiliar showing. This usual stud is getting a taste of the dud life this week.
3. Ray Rice (Bal) - 72 rushing yards - 7 Fantasy Points
Ray Rice left his fantasy owners hungry as he didn't have a strong showing this week against the Buffalo Bills' defense.

Wide Receiver Studs

1. Kenny Britt (Ten) - 225 rec. yards, 3 rec. TD's - 40 Fantasy Points
Britt "got nice" with 3 TD's and 225 yards as he torched the Philadelphia Eagles' defense. Britt is a first time stud as he had a breakout game this week.
2. Roddy White (Atl) - 201 rec. yards, 2 rec. TD's - 32 Fantasy Points
Studs stick together and it was a thing of beauty between Roddy White and Matt Ryan as Ryan looked in White's direction for most of the game. White was all over the field like snow on the ground as the Bengals did not have an answer for the speedy receiver.
3. Lee Evans (Buf) - 105 rec. yards, 3 rec. TD's - 28 Fantasy Points
Evans made the most of his catches as 3 out of his 4 catches were for TD's against the tough Ravens defense.

Wide Receiver Duds

1. Mike Thomas (Jac) - -2 Fantasy Points
Lewis did not wear his big boy pants to the field today and got -2 Fantasy Points.
2. Donald Driver (GB) - 0 Fantasy points

Donald was not in the driver's seat against the Minnesota Vikings as he did not catch a pass for the first time in 133 games. My fantasy team really missed his usually productive performance.

3. Brandon Tate (NE) - .8 Fantasy Points
Our hometown speedster only caught one pass for 3 yards. Hopefully he won't be a dud next week against Minnesota.

Tight End Studs

1. Todd Heap (Bal) - 59 rec. yards, 2 rec. TD's - 17 Fantasy Points
Unlike his teammates, Heap leaped up the list to stud status this week and had himself a great game. I guess a blind squirrel finds a nut every now and again. We'll see if this performance was a one time showing or if Todd Heap can grace my stud list in the future.
2. Vernon Davis (SF) - 74 rec. yards, 1 rec. TD - 13 Fantasy Points
Davis can put the "looks like Tarzan but plays like Jane" comment to rest after his breakout season last year and his consistent positive play so far this season. Sir Vernon is on my fantasy team and it was great to see a good performance from the big guy.
3. Zach Miller (Oak) - 65 rec. yards, 1 rec. TD - 12 Fantasy Points
When your team scores 59 points I would hope you have some studs to show for it. It was "Miller Time" at Mile High Stadium on Sunday as Miller gave the Raider passing game a boost.

Tight End Duds

1. Zach Miller (Jac) - 25 rec. yards - 2 Fantasy Points
I guess not everyone named Zach Miller had a great week. This Miller, who happens to play for the Jaguars, did not have a great showing. He had just the opposite. Maybe you should call up the other Zach

for pointers.

2. Jermaine Gresham (Cin) - 26 rec. yards - 2 Fantasy Points
Jermaine hammed it up and only got 2 points.
3. Tony Gonzalez (Atl) - 27 rec. yards - 2 Fantasy Points
"Gonzo" is not a frequent visitor to the dud list. Perhaps Tony got up on the wrong side of the bed this week.

Kicker Studs

1. Olindo Mare (Sea) 3 FG's 20-29, 1 FG 30-39 - 18 Fantasy Points
Apparently this was the week of the "Das Boot" with kickers kicking more field goals and extra points than I can remember. My kicker had 8 PAT's (Point After Touchdown) and didn't make this list. Mare's Seahawk sent the ball flying all day against the Cardinals. Olindo gets the golden leg award this week.
2. Dan Carpenter (Mia) - 2 FG 20-29, 2 FG 30-39 - 17 Fantasy Points
Dan took a day off from building houses and decided to boot some footballs, getting himself 17 fantasy points.
3. David Akers (Phi) - 2 FG 20-29, 2 FG 40-49 - 15 Fantasy Points
David Akers makes the list and can ice his leg today after all the field goals he put through the up rights.

Kicker Duds

1. Matt Prater (Den) - 2 PAT's - 2 Fantasy Points
A former stud is a dud this week. He didn't have much of a chance to kick because the Raiders spent the whole day with their offense on the field scoring 59 points.
2. Jay Feely (Ari) - 1 FG 20-29, 1 PAT - 4 Fantasy Points
Jay was not feeling it this week and only kicked 1 field goal.
3. Mason Crosby (GB) - 4 PAT's - 4 Fantasy Points
The cool Green Bay air wasn't suitable for Mason as he didn't kick a field goal all day.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You really ought to start taking your whole financial situation a lot more seriously. If you're just willing to make an effort, you ought to be able to sort out a few important financial matters.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You'll really be eager to spend a little quality time with someone special. There will be a few important matters that need to be addressed with a loved one though, and some money issues could be complicating things as well.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You should eventually end up handling everything that needs to get done. Things will be getting a little tense when it comes to an important relationship though.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You're bound to really be in the mood to get out and have a little fun. And you ought to be able to take advantage of some real romantic opportunities later tonight.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
You'll really be longing to spend a little time enjoying the comforts of home. And it wouldn't be a bad idea to invite a few folks over and try to enjoy a nice relaxing time around the house tonight.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You ought to have the opportunity to get together with a few folks and catch up on some interesting gossip before the end of the day. Some family members are bound to be bothering you about a few things they expect you to do.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Even though things should be improving for you financially, you really ought to make an effort to exercise a little discipline when it comes to your financial situation. And you should be careful that you don't allow any misunderstandings to turn into major arguments.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
There are bound to be a few worries or concerns for you to have to deal with. Don't let any difficult financial issues spoil your mood though.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Just realize that you'll benefit from taking a more relaxed approach to most situations. Some of your efforts will be opposed by others if you try to push too hard or do too much this week.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You'll be feeling pretty sociable at the moment, and you may be eager to get together and have a good time with a few of your friends this week. You won't really have the energy to get into too much trouble though.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You should be taking your responsibilities and obligations very seriously this week. You'll be eager to get out in the social whirl later though.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
If you're longing to get away from everything this week, you should just see if you can manage to enjoy some kind of little escape later.

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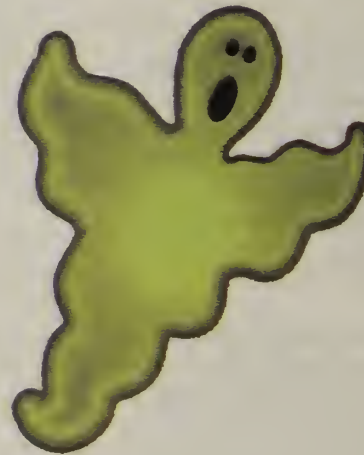
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Happy Halloween!



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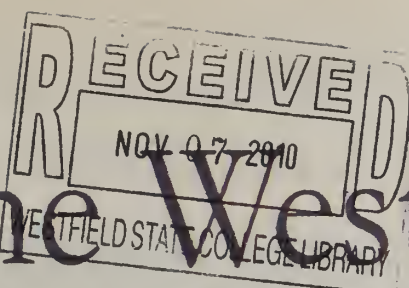
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The Movement: Fighting for discrimination awareness

To Faculty & Student Organizations:

My name is Alan-Michael Chest. I am a senior at Westfield State University. I am the Co-President of the So Seductive Step Team & The WSU Poetry Slam Team.

The reason I'm writing is to give an in-depth commentary of the details that surround an incident in which another Westfield State student and I were victims of, involving racial hate through verbal abuse.

The incident occurred Tuesday October 26, 2010 at approximately 2:30pm when Karlah Paul and I had come back to Westfield State University after taking a trip to the bank.

We parked in South Lot and decided to walk back to the main campus.

As we begin walking on Western Ave., a red car headed east sped passed us as the young white male in the back seat rolled down his window and yelled the "N" word (however, he used the full word).

There were three white males in the car. The car was a red ford Taurus.

Since yesterday, I have been speaking about the incident to multiple faculty



photo taken by the Voice staff

Allen-Michael Chest speaks to a large audience in the Third World Room about racial discrimination and how we can overcome it.

members and students on campus because I believe everyone should be aware of the situation.

I have met with the Dean of Students, Susan Lamontagne and the Dean of Diversity/Affirmative Action, Carlton Pickron to discuss the incident as well as make a statement at Public Safety.

I realize that I do not have much information about the males because the incident happened really quickly, but the incident made me also realize that racism and hate is still alive and exists around the grounds of Westfield State University.

I also spoke with Sue

and Carlton about having an open forum discussion on which I have not secured a date for yet.

I do not believe that I am the only student on this campus that has dealt with an issue such as this one.

The primary difference is that I am willing to inform everyone of the incident in hopes of creating some type of awareness on our college campus.

I also plan to work with other student organizations such as Third World Organization, Student Government Association, Latino Association for Empowerment, Sigma Tau Delta, the Queer Straight Alliance, Asian Appreciation Club, Jewish Student Organization, Urban Education Gospel Choir, Social Work Association Group, Students Advocating for Gender Equality, The Voice, Women Empowering other Women, WSC-TV, and WSKB radio station in collaboration with the So Seductive Step Team & WSC Poetry Slam Team to host an on campus forum about racism and prejudices on our college campus.

This forum will be an attempt to educate not only those students who may be ignorant

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Friday, Nov. 5

7:30p.m. - Ski and Snowboard Club
Movie
Dever Stage/Hall

8:30p.m. - MOVIE: Inception with free food
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Nov. 6

12:00p.m. - Football vs. Fitchburg State
Alumni Field

8:30p.m. - MOVIE: Inception with free food
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, Nov. 7

3:00p.m. - Senior Recital, Rachel Ryan
Dever Stage/Hall

7:30p.m. - Singer/songwriter/Pianist - Emma Murray
Dever Stage/Hall

The Angry Liberal: Dem. Patrick wins over Baker

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

They are bleeding. The results maps for the 2010 Mid-term Elections, that is. These results maps from online news sources such as CNN, The Washington Post, and New York Times are covered in red, which might as well signify the bleeding of the United States.

Results maps of the elections within the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and a total of all of the governorship elections around the country show many more "red" states than "blue" states as a result of the 2010 election.

This indicates that Republican candidates did quite well for themselves on Tuesday night. The Republicans overtook the House of Representatives and the Democrats just held onto a majority of the seats in the U.S. Senate.

Now, with the White House controlled by a Democrat, but a majority of Congress in the hands of the Republicans, nothing will get done.

Republicans, like the soon-to-be Speaker of the House John Boehner said, they will try to repeal the health care bill. The hard work of the Democratic leaders will have been in vain, as the Republicans take over and overturn sensible legislation.



Photo courtesy of boston.com

Governor and Lt. Governor Timothy Murray celebrate their second term victory.

Then, after two years of partisan fights when nothing has been accomplished, the American people will blame Obama again for Republican mistakes and he will lose the 2012 presidential election to a Republican.

But as the only consolation for liberals in this time of frustration, the Democrats were able to hold onto the U.S. Senate.

Harry Reid, the Democratic incumbent from Nevada, will remain the Senate majority leader but he only beat the Republican candidate by 5 percentage points. Barbara Boxer, another incumbent who is from California, was also able to beat her opponent.

Unfortunately, though, incumbents Russ Feingold from Wisconsin and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas were defeated by Republicans.

Thankfully, the Tea Party Movement candidates did not all win their hoped-for Senate seats, although Rand Paul from Kentucky is the new senator-elect and a few others won as well.

Christine O'Donnell, who ran an ad claiming she was "not a witch," lost to the Democrat but declared in her concession speech that the "Republican Party will never be the same."

Hopefully her words ring true, as Republicans realize how extreme and silly the Tea

Party Movement really is and never allow another Tea-Partier on the ballot.

The entire nation, although bathed in red, cannot stop one state from staying true blue. That state is Massachusetts.

Despite the trend in the other states and the nation as a whole to vote more for Republicans than Democrats, Massachusetts, especially in the race for governor and U.S. Congressional seats, remained blue.

At least the people of Massachusetts have some sense and although it is a not a good day to be a liberal in the United States, it is a good day to be a liberal in Massachusetts.

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The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Well, the 2010 mid-term elections are history, but how far will the republican landslide overall victory carry the American voters desperately looking for change? It seems to happen everytime mid-term elections come around.

The voters are promised the world every four years when we vote for president, then we can't scramble fast enough to the polls to vote out the liars and the deadwood.

This election, however, was a loud statement that could have been worded as follow: "We're mad as hell, and we're not gonna take it anymore!"

The Democrats continual blaming of George Bush has finally run out of steam. Give the poor guy a rest...Obamination took over two years ago with the lofty goal of change and hope.

Obama took on such a conceited attitude. He was going to do what he wanted, to heck with the rest of you.

He ruined George Bush's modest plan for automaker bailouts by quadrupling the money involved. He did the same with Wall Street. He came up with a health care fiasco that would cost trillions of dollars.

When asked where he would get the money, he said it would be paid for by the people who have the money so the people who don't have it can benefit.

He later explained the bulk of it would be paid for by siphoning it from Medicare for the elderly. When asked what will happen when that runs out.... "We'll print more!"

When asked by reporters what was in the Health Care bill when he signed it, Congressman Charles Rangel laughed and said, "I didn't read it ...it was 2200 pages long!"



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Charlie Baker, after his loss to now second term Governor Patrick, says "We need no cause to hang our heads."

That's what the Dem's actually brought to America two years ago....style, not substance.

With all the hype of the demon Bush, hope, change, yada, yada, yada, it got old, quick. It looks like our self-declared leader for life is losing quite a few of his minions in Washington.

The Republicans gained 60 seats in the House, the biggest party turnover in over 70 years, with five or six additional seats still too close to call at press time.

America is going to miss seeing Speaker of the House Nancy "beam me up, scotty" Pelosi in a daze during all of Obama's many press conferences.

Nancy was still saying as late as this morning, "I'm still smiling, We can still win!"

This was after the concession speeches were already made, by the way. (Keep looking at the pretty lights, Nancy!)

Obama's going to have to let Joe Biden out of the woodshed now. He can't

do much more harm than he's already done. The republicans did pick up six senate seats, however it was not enough to gain control of the Senate.

Majority leader Harry Reid actually won re-election, unfortunately. You remember Harry, don't you? He was the sponsor of the "Dream Act" - a plan to pay all college expenses for teen illegal aliens from taxpayer money. Ten governor seats were reclaimed also.

So I guess "hope" is still alive. Although the tea party candidates didn't make a landslide run, five of their candidates won their elections.

Plus, the tea party did a huge service to republicans by waking them up to the fact that they were going to have to wake up and earn their victories in the mid-terms, which they did.

It also showed there is a new party in town, one that is gaining strength, and one that is serving notice.

Change will come if you want it bad enough. The voters obviously wanted it really bad.

Editor's Desk



Hey! Hope you all had a fabulous Halloween weekend. I did, except for the two fire alarms in Courtney Hall. Thank God for this office or else I would have been stuck in the cold for an hour both nights.

I spent my Halloween Sunday watching an SVU marathon, naturally. It was fantastic and I wouldn't have had it any other way.

On a different note, It's November already! Can you believe it? There's like, what, five weeks or so of the semester left? It flew by! Thanksgiving is going to be here in no time, I don't even want to talk about Christmas. Okay, maybe I do but it's a little too soon for that. Come December, it'll be all I talk about. Alright, I'm running out of room. Bye!!

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Join the movement

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to race, but also those who may be ignorant to different sexual orientations and religions as well.

I want this forum to speak to all groups of people. Everyone has a story to tell, and I want to hear them.

In my experience, I have noticed that African Americans, Latino Americans, and even folks with different sexual orientations use the derogatory terms given to them in history in a playful manner.

I think in order to make people aware of the issues, we

first must begin with ourselves and those of us who believe it is alright to call each other the N word; moreover we try banning people who are different from us to say it.

We must stop this double standard, and the time is now to take a stand.

I really hope that I have the full support of everyone reading this letter.

It is my deepest intent to educate and make people aware of what still seems to be an issue in our society today. All support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Alan-Michael Chest

The musical stylings of clay boots

By Shirley Kenniston
Voice Reporter

What are those colorful things you see on peoples feet as they walk around campus?

Well, in America we call them rain boots, but in Africa they are called clay boots.

The reason for this is that they are worn by people working in the gold mines.

When the workers take a break they can be seen and even heard slapping the ground with their "clay boots."

This is the one way they use their musical ability and pass on their music.

When black students were finally allowed to go to college in the United States, they started their own groups on campus called "Stepping."

They wore their clay boots during the routine, whether it's to music or not.

This idea has passed on to many colleges & universities all over the United States, including Westfield State University.

This reporter had a chance to see them



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Rainboots aren't just to keep feet dry.

here at the university. and they were great.

At the performance there was also a professional group called Step Africa.

This is just another way that people pass on traditions and help students develop a better understanding of their backgrounds.

Before that performance, it wasn't common to hear rain boots be referred to as anything else besides something to keep feet dry.

So now if anyone says to you, "hey, I like your boots", you can tell this short story about them.

Editor's Desk



Hola amigos and amigas!

How did everyone like the pumpkin on the front page last week? Pretty cute, huh? Now we've tried doing the owl without the circle around it (as per the request of the Sports Editor) but I preferred the circle so let us know what you think!!

(Hopefully you all agree with me so I can prove him wrong!! Haha!)

So my Editor's Desk is super short, which is good because it will prevent me from reambling.

I hafta go home this weekend to work, so that will be three weekends in a row that I've gone home... oops! Oh well! Have a nice weekend everyone!

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If you can't handle the heat...

Cooking with Nicole Nado

This week's treat:

Pizza Casserole

...stay out of the kitchen!



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 yellow, red or green peppers, chopped
- 2 zucchini, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 3 cans diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 tube refrigerated bread sticks

Steps

- Heat oven to 350 degrees
- Grease 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish
- Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat
- Add onion and peppers; cook for 5 minutes
- Add zucchini and garlic; cook 5 minutes
- Add tomatoes, sausage, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper
- Cook until somewhat dry, 5 to 7 minutes
- Add 2 tablespoons Parmesan
- Top with mozzarella
- Add remaining tomato mixture
- Arrange bread sticks on top
- Bake for 25 minutes

REFLECTIONS
By Samantha Fahey

Miranda Lambert - Born Nov. 10, 1983

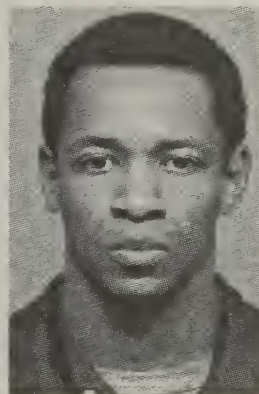


The country singer was born in Longview, Texas was taught by her father at an early age

about guns and she was soon an avid deer hunter. Her parents took her to a Garth Brooks when she was nine years old, which sparked her interest in country music. At sixteen, she landed a recording session in Nashville, but she left the studio because she didn't like how much it sounded like "pop." She went home and had her

father teach her how to play the guitar so that she could write her own songs. In 2006 she began dating fellow country singer Blake Shelton and they are now engaged. On September 1 it was announced that she was leading nominations with 9 CMA awards, setting a record for the female with the most nominations in a single year.

John Muhammad - Died Nov. 10, 2009



He is also known as "The Beltway Sniper," "The D.C. Sniper," and "The Washington Sniper." Born

John Allen Williams, he was sentenced to death. While waiting on death row he was extradited to Maryland where he was convicted of six counts of first-degree murder. He made appeals but all were easily rejected. In total he killed 21 people, injuring three more. He died by lethal injection on November 10, 2009 at 9:11 am. It took him four months later five minutes to die.

Westfield State takes first place at poetry slam

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

October 25, 2010 marked the annual Intercollegiate Poetry Slam, held this year at our own Westfield State University.

Three local colleges, Westfield State University (WSU), Holyoke Community College (HCC), and American International College (AIC) met to compete for the poetry slam championship.

This year's poetry slam was sponsored by Westfield State University's English department, and hosted by Alan-Michael Chest and Caitlin Farmer.

Each college came prepared with a team of three poets and one alternate.

The rules of the competition were as follows: each poet had three minutes with a ten second grace period to relay a poem of his or her own construction.

The poets were not allowed to use props, music, or costumes, and if they exceeded the time limit points would be deducted from their scores.

Poets were judged on a scale of zero to ten. Each poet read two poems and their poems' scores were added together. Each team's poet's scores were then added to determine a winner.

The Poetry Slam was judged by three noted poets. First was Stephen Lindow, a former opera performer who will be teaching English in South Korea in the spring of 2011.

Next was Crystal Brown, a poet who is currently working on her third collection of poetry "And I Will Move the Earth," as well as taking on the roles of singer, songwriter, mother and wife.

Last, but certainly not least, was Lynnette Johnson, who is the author of "I've Been Meaning to Tell You," a book of her own poems and short stories.

Poetry styles varied

greatly from poet to poet. HCC's Chris Goudreau took a more stereotypical approach with abstract ideas as compared to WSU's Rachel Lareau more story-like poem.

After the first round, WSU had the top two scoring poems, a 27.9 by Maurice Taylor and a 27.7 by Rachel Lareau, followed closely by AIC's Kadeem Gayle who scored a 25.7.

Following a short intermission, each of the judges performed pieces of their own work, after which round two began.

Westfield led the pack again with Rachel Lareau's poem, in which she tried to give a name to our generation while taking a crack at baby boomers.

After final tallies, it was announced that Westfield State University had taken first place, followed by HCC and then AIC.

All should keep an eye out for the next Poetry Slam.

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'Curtains' full of brilliant song and dance

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

I had the pleasure Friday night of attending Westfield State University's Musical Theatre Guild production of "Curtains."

It was a musical who-done-it overflowing with comedy. Set in 1950s Boston at the Colonial Theater, it focuses on a theater company which dreams of being on Broadway.

The company is doing a show called "Rob Hood". The crew is vastly disappointed when they get a horrible review of their musical in the paper.

However, there is a beacon of light in this time of darkness: they get one favorable review, a review saying that they could take the show to Broadway.

Then even more tragedy strikes: their leading lady is found out to have been

poisoned. The apparent murder brings one of my favorite characters into the musical: Lt. Frank Cioffi, hilariously portrayed by freshman Barrett Tamaren-Leddy.

The play-within-a-play's flamboyant British director, Christopher Belling, played with great spirit by freshman Colin Fuller, dislikes how his show is being interrupted by an investigation. Cioffi decides that it is a good idea to quarantine the theater so the killer cannot escape, and so no one can leave without the murder being solved.

The song "Thataway" is one of my favorite moments of the musical. I was blown away by the caliber of singing and dancing the cast displayed. Plus, it was a very entertaining song, extolling the benefits of being flirtatious.

In Act 2, another murder occurs, as well as another one of my favorite musical numbers: "It's A Business."

Georgia Hendricks, played by Libby Boland, dominated the song with her soulful yet sassy singing.

The finale of the show was extremely heartwarming, featuring Cioffi and his love interest Niki Harris (freshman Lindsay DeWinkleleer) singing "Tough Act To Follow". It was the perfect ending to the musical.

The entire cast and crew did a fabulous job. I was not only entertained throughout the musical, I was also kept on the edge of my seat.

"Curtains" was filled with mystery, happiness, sadness, humor, suspicion, and love.

All of these emotions were blended smoothly and easily into the musical so that you were entertained while being thoughtful.

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew of "Curtains." I greatly anticipate the next MTG show!

The Gunslinger by Stephen King: A review

By Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

"The man in black fled across the desert, and the gunslinger followed." So opens Stephen King's *The Gunslinger*, his opening book to his seven book epic, his self proclaimed "magnum opus" (and I must agree with this self proclamation). And if one word could be used to describe this story, "epic" would be it.

The story consists of Roland Deschain's journey across the desert following a man in black and his trials during this chase. He meets Jake Chalmers and the two continue their journey. If I gave any other details it might spoil parts of Stephen King's mysterious plot.

Stephen King's writing in *The Gunslinger* is superb. The entire book is well

paced, well structured, and well plotted. While you may be confused at certain parts, there is little chance that you will be confused with the story as a whole. Every word he uses feels like there isn't another word he could have used.

Stephen King creates the fascinating character of Roland Deschain, the last gunslinger (a sort of order of knights) to star in this tale, chasing the ever-elusive man in black. Roland is someone you may grow to love or hate, or both at times, but he is a character you will certainly grow to enjoy.

Introduced later is Jake, a boy from our world used to link the story's landscape to our own. Skeptical as one may be hearing this, the linking of the two worlds is extremely well done.

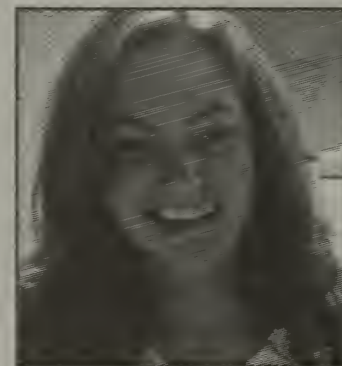
Speaking of the

landscape, the setting is that of a desert, except with a few dark, fantastical, twists to it. This setting contributes greatly to the feel of the book and gives it a distinctive tone that readers will fall in love with.

The book is not for everyone, and if after reading this opening part of the series one will find it a large, albeit satisfying challenge to read to entire series. One should also take warning that this is not exactly light reading; it will take your undivided attention to read for its full value.

Despite its few flaws, the epic plot, the quality of writing, and the atmosphere that the world and characters give off make *The Gunslinger* an excellent read for any fan of westerns, fantasy, or Stephen King. It is one of the most unique books I have ever read. 4.5 out of 5.

Student Spotlight



Student Name: Alexandra McConnon
Hometown: Groveland
Major/Concentration: Communication
(media arts)

What do you hope to do career/life-wise after W.S.U.?
Either a camera operator or a film editor.

Favorite song on your iPod, or on the radio right now?
Don't you (forget about me) Yes. The breakfast club soundtrack song!

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner (famous or not) who would they be, and what might likely be the topic of conversation?

My mother, father, and sister. They are my favorite people in the whole wide world and we would end up talking about something completely random.

Favorite thing to do at W.S.U when not in class?
Make movies! Something about filming something and then editing it together is like magic to me!

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at W.S.U. and why?

Crying hysterically when my parents left me on move-in day the first year I came here, I remember being so scared and lonely and then I ended up loving it here in the end.

Lucky Number?
4!

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
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and tell us why.*

'Winters Bone:' A chilling portrait of American poverty

By Wilson Belbin
Voice Reporter

How far would you go to save your family?

In the chilling "Winter's Bone," Ree Dolly, played by Jennifer Lawrence, lives with her mentally ill mother and her very young brother and sister.

Their father abandoned them and leads a life of drug dealing.

Since their father did not attend his court date, the family's house is in danger.

Ree Dolly sets out to find her father so her family's life is not ruined.

The film has a consistent tension and an eerie feeling about it, and never loses its momentum.

It portrays poverty in the United States in such a real, heart-wrenching way, that it is hard to realize that some people really live like Ree and her family.

This is not like other indie movies like 'The Kids Are Alright,' where it is about rich

people with silly little problems.

It is about a world that is right next door to you. It has real people with real big problems.

The real revelation in 'Winters Bone' isn't the sharp script or the confident, gritty direction by Debra Granick.

It is the breakthrough performance by Jennifer Lawrence.

I have not seen a performance so on point in a very long time.

She is tender and caring to her siblings, but is an independent and confident girl in her own right.

In every single scene she commands the screen, she makes us care about the character.

The supporting performances by Dale Dickey and John Hawke are strong also, but it is all about Jennifer Lawrence.

It is a mammoth of a performance that very few could have pulled off.

The under the radar aspects of the film like the rustic cinematography, quiet score, and realistic set

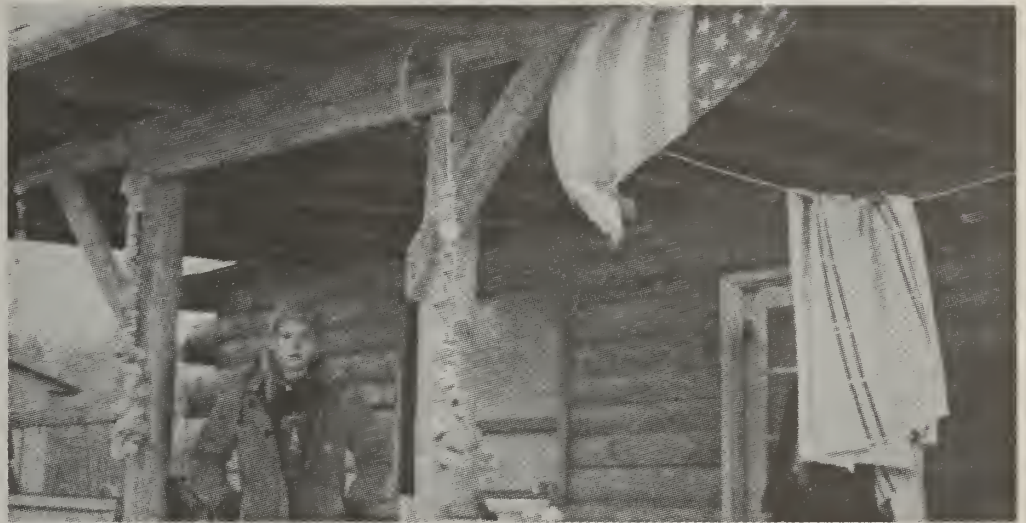


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design all come surprisingly together with a very low two million dollar budget, all used with great and caring effect.

Winter's Bone is a triumph; a great movie with astounding performances so natural, so genuine, that you forget it's a movie.

A&E Quick Info

Top 9 Singles

1. Far*East Movement - Like a G6
2. Bruno Mars - Just The Way You Are
3. Rihanna - Only Girl (In The World)
4. Nelly - Just A Dream
5. Usher - DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love
6. Trey Songz - Bottoms Up
7. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
8. Taio Cruz - Dynamite
9. Flo Rida - Club Can't Handle Me
10. Pink - Raise Your Glass

Top 8 Best Selling

Books

1. Worth Dying For - Lee Child
2. The Last Boy - Jane Leavy
3. The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo - Stieg Larsson
4. The Lost Symbol - Dan Brown
5. Eat, Pray, Love - Elizabeth Gilbert
6. In the Company of Others - Jan Karon
7. American Assassin - Vince Flynn
8. Little Bee - Chris Cleave

Top 14 Movies

1. Saw 3D
2. Paranormal Activity 2
3. Red
4. Jackass 3D
5. Hereafter
6. Secretariat
7. The Social Network
8. Life as We Know It
9. The Town
10. Conviction
11. Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
12. Easy A
13. The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest
14. Devil

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Owls get first road win of season against Mass Maritime

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Coming off a game where Westfield State's defense allowed Framingham State quarterback Kurt Leone to throw for over 300 yards, the Owls (4-5, 3-3 NEFC) stepped up and played an inspired game of football.

The Owls' defense forced four turnovers on the day, three interceptions and one forced fumble, on their way to a 28-14 road victory over Mass Maritime.

Leading the defense for Westfield was junior defensive back Ryan O'Connell who intercepted Maritime quarterback Mike Stanton late in the third quarter and brought it back 48 yards for a game sealing touchdown.

It was Ryan's fourth interception of year and the second time that he scored on an interception return this season.

Leading tackler Justin Ehrhardt had another solid game with 12 tackles and a forced fumble. Dave Jolicoeur and Dan Dowling had interceptions in the game as well.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Owls once again relied heavily on Evan Berneche who ran for 158 yards and one score on 38 carries.

With the Owls being able to establish ball control and maintain a lead, they did not force quarterback Tyler Dow to throw the ball more than what was necessary.

Dow threw for 59 yards including a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Winchell in the second quarter.

Though Westfield's offense only accumulated 186 total yards, they benefited from great field position thanks to Justin Karrat who had three kick returns for 91 yards, including a 47-yard return to set up the Owls at Maritime 23 yard line.

Karrat also added a 10-yard scoring run on his only carry of the game.

Nathan Sherr led the Bucs with 67 yards rushing and a score while Matt White added 64.

Jonathan Emond hauled in four passes for 83 yards including a 40-yard TD pass from freshman quarterback Mike Stanton.

Stanton went 11-of-27 for 159 yards and a score but



photo courtesy of Joshua Katz, Worcester State

Evan Berneche eclipsed 150 yards on the ground in the win over Mass Maritime.

was intercepted three times.

Westfield has one more game left this season and hopes to end it on a high note as they play the Fitchburg State Falcons on Senior Day this Saturday at noon.

The Falcons come into this game with a 1-8 record following a 41-6 loss to Worcester State last week.

Even though Fitchburg

comes into this game with a poor record, the Owls cannot afford to take them lightly.

The Falcons average 15 points per game and have a balanced offensive attack.

Their starting running back, Darren Wilson, has rushed for 771 yards and 6 touchdowns this year.

In the passing game receiver, Kyle Callahan leads

the Falcons with 37 catches for 469 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Finally, it will be interesting to see if someone other than Berneche steps up and helps carry the load on the offensive side of the ball to help balance the offense for Westfield.

The game will kick off from Alumni Field tomorrow at 12:00 p.m.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 9 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, November 7.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 9 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
Chicago vs. Buffalo	CHI	CHI	BUF	CHI	CHI
Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta	ATL	ATL	ATL	TB	ATL
Miami vs. Baltimore	BAL	MIA	BAL	BAL	BAL
New Orleans vs. Carolina	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
New England vs. Cleveland	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
San Diego vs. Houston	HOU	SD	HOU	HOU	SD
N.Y. Jets vs. Detroit	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
Arizona vs. Minnesota	MIN	MIN	MIN	ARI	ARI
N.Y. Giants vs. Seattle	NYG	NYG	NYG	SEA	NYG
Kansas City vs. Oakland	OAK	OAK	KC	KC	OAK
Indianapolis vs. Philadelphia	PHI	IND	IND	IND	IND
Dallas vs. Green Bay	GB	GB	GB	GB	DAL
Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
Last Week	7-6	8-5	6-7	5-8	4-9
Season Record	70-47	65-36	65-52	64-53	63-54
Bye Teams: Denver, Jacksonville, St. Louis, San Francisco, Tennessee and Washington					

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



I can't believe what I just heard. It's 3:00 on Monday afternoon and I just got out of my last class.

I'm back in my dorm room, flipping through some channels on my TV, snacking on some Halloween candy, when BAM. My jaw drops.

Flashing across the bottom of the screen on ESPN: Breaking news – Moss waived by Vikings.

I'm not even sure how to react to this news. Moss forced his way out of New England by becoming a distraction and making his displeasure with his current contract situation the center of attention after Patriot wins.

Moss basically pulled the same stunt in Minnesota and forced his way off of that team, calling out the coaches and players while stating how much he missed playing in New England after the Viking's loss to the Pats on Sunday.

So what does Moss want? Is he regretting the antics he pulled earlier this year as a Patriot? I think so.

I think he's realizing that his talents are diminishing and he needs an elite quarterback like Brady throwing him passes to make him look good.

No, a hobbling 50-year old Brett Favre is no longer an elite QB. Favre and Moss never came close to getting on the same page.

Moss was becoming less important in the Viking's game plan with each passing week and with Sindy Rice due to return in a few weeks,

Minnesota has no interest in dealing with Moss' headaches for the rest of the season.

After Moss' podium tirade, he announced that he would no longer speak to reporter or answer interview questions for the rest of the season. He said he could care less about \$2,500 the NFL

would fine him each week for not talking to reporter.

Moss also seemed like he could care less about winning football games with his lackluster on field performance over the past few games.

He had just nine catches and one TD in the Vikings' last three games and seemed completely disinterested for most of that time.

So I pose the question again: what does Moss want?

I'm not sure he even knows the answer to that question at this point. Maybe seeing a shrink would help him figure some things out.

But once Moss finally got traded to a team that would "appreciate" his talents, he screwed everything up and got flat out released. Unbelievable.

The question now is what's next for Moss. Someone will certainly pick him. Will the Pats take him back?

There's a good chance they would, but since the Patriots have the best record in the NFL

Moss will have to be passed up on waivers by every other team before the Pats could sign him.

Some possible Moss destinations: Chicago, Kansas City, San Diego, St. Louis and Tennessee. These five teams all believe they can make the playoffs (yes, even San Diego and St. Louis) and could use some help at wide receiver.

I think Tennessee would make the most sense, but my gut tells me that it won't happen. Another team will most likely take Moss before the Titans have a chance.

I doubt it will happen, but if Moss is passed up by the other 30 NFL teams (not including the Vikings) Belichick and Kraft would be faced with a very interesting decision.

Moss has made it clear that he misses New England and would love to come back.

Belichick would brilliant for basically stealing a third round pick from the Vikings. But at the same time, there's a reason Belichick traded away Moss.

Could he put their very recent past in the rear view mirror and just bring Moss back like nothing happened? That remains to be seen.

Enough on Moss, because the Patriots clearly didn't need him to make the Vikings look silly in the second half on their way to a 6-1 record, the best in the NFL.

The Patriots certainly aren't the most talented team in the NFL, but they're winning ugly like they did in the early half of last decade. The NFL is completely wide open this year.

There are no truly dominant teams this season and most teams have some serious issues on at least one side of the ball. Any team could beat any other team in a given week (aka Browns beating the Saints at home) and there are no clear cut favorites to win any of the eight divisions.

The 3-5 Chargers and 2-6 49ers are still alive for

playoff berths.

I can't sugarcoat it – the Patriots got lucky and picked a good year to have a lot of young players.

There are no great teams in the league this year and despite all their problems, the Pats have just as good a chance as any other team to win the Super Bowl.

With the problems on defense and holes on offense, this team may be a .500 football club in other years.

But most of the NFL is mediocre this season and the Pats now find themselves atop the NFL standings.

In other news, wasn't it fun to watch the new "Big Three" look lost on the court against the Celtics on opening night?

They'll get it together and be a tough contender, but LeBron's current averages of 20.5 points, 6.0 assists and 5.8 rebounds have to be disconcerting for Heat fans.

I'm sure that team will continue to get better as the season goes on, but in a head to head matchup with the Celtics

who's going to stop KG, Shaq and Perk down low?

And an even better question, who's going to cover Rajon Rondo?

Speaking of Rondo, there is no doubt that he is now the best player on the Celtics' roster. I'm not sure if anyone in the league can cover him at this point. His triple-double, 24 assist performance against the Knicks was simply unbelievable. He is a hell of a lot of fun to watch.

Also, congratulations are in order to the San Francisco Giants.

It is now late Monday night and Brian Wilson has just struck out Nelson Cruz to end the game and seal the series for the Giants. What a masterful pitching performance by Tim Lincecum.

Cliff Lee pitched great as well, but Edgar Renteria got the best of Lee with a clutch three-run homer in the seventh inning.

Well I'm out of room folks but as always, thanks for reading. Until next time, have a great weekend and dress warm – it's getting chilly out there!



Upcoming WSU Home Games

Friday, November 5

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Nichols College @ 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, November 6

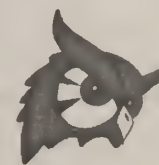
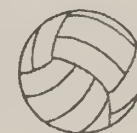
Football vs. Fitchburg State @ 12:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. MCLA @ 11:00 a.m.

Women's Volleyball MASCAC Championship Game @ 3:00 p.m.



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What to make out of the top teams in the BCS

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Before I start this article, let me make something very clear: the BCS system is a complete and utter joke – a system that has ruined the integrity of a great sport that is college football.

There should undoubtedly be a playoff system like every other college sport, but unfortunately their probably will never be one.

Thus, there will always be a team left out of the National Championship game that deserves it more than another team.

Now that I have gotten that off my chest, let me talk about the 2010 college football season so far.

For the first time in a long time, there are no dominant football teams out there and every team that could be considered the best team in the country has the potential to lose any given week.

The top four teams in the BCS rankings this week are Auburn, Oregon, TCU and Boise State.

I can guarantee that at the end of the season these will not be the same rankings when the final BCS standings come out.

First, Auburn is not as good as people think they are. Now before everyone starts yelling at me, let me tell you why.

Sure, Auburn probably has the Heisman Trophy winner in Cam Newton, who right now has thrown for almost 1,600 yards and 15 touchdowns along with 1,122 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns.

However, if you take away Newton Auburn would probably not be in the same position. That is because their defense is terrible.

The Tigers defense is allowing more points per game than any other BCS title contender. Auburn's defensive struggles were shown when backup freshmen quarterback Tyler Wilson of Arkansas put up over 50 points on the Auburn D.

They recently allowed 31 points to an even lesser opponent in Ole Miss. Auburn will definitely be exposed when they face Alabama in the Iron Bowl where elite receiver Julio Jones will destroy the Tigers' secondary.

The next team to look at is Oregon. Another Heisman hopeful in running back LaMichael James leads Oregon's offense.

James has rushed for 1,210 yards and 14 touchdowns this year and leads the speedy Ducks' offense. The Ducks average 55 points per game and can score under a minute at times.

Oregon runs the read option to perfection and defenses not only need to watch James, but also quarterback Darren Thomas to run the ball as well.

The Ducks beat USC last week 53-32 and their remaining schedule should not be a challenge for them other than their rival game against Oregon State and the elusive and speedy back Jacquizz Rodgers.

Third in the standings are the TCU Horned Frogs followed by Boise State in fourth. Both TCU and Boise State are non-automatic qualifiers, meaning that their conference does not award the conference champion an automatic berth into a BCS game.

These two schools have been atop the standings of the polls the last couple of years and recently have been in BCS games.

However, it is a travesty that these teams never will be able to showcase their talents to teams who are in the top conferences because nobody wants to play them.

No team wants to travel to Boise and play on the blue turf and nobody wants to face the Horned Frogs. The only teams that have the guts to schedule these teams are Virginia Tech and Oregon State.

Boise beat Virginia Tech earlier in the year and both teams have beaten Oregon State.

Nevertheless, these two teams will need a lot of help to make it to the big game. For TCU, their best game left is against unbeaten Utah who is also ranked in the top ten of the BCS.

Boise State's only quality opponent left on their schedule is Nevada, who is ranked in the top 25 in the polls.

When will it be time for these schools to gain the respect of nation and more importantly the computers?

Whatever the case may be, one thing that all people can agree on is that the BCS is a joke.



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Cam Newton of the #2 Auburn Tigers brushes off a defender.

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

The college football season has reached week 10 and all of the BCS bowl games are still up for grabs. There are a number of games remaining on the schedule that will shape this winter's bowl games.

Right now, Oregon and Auburn sit atop the college football world looking to win out their remaining games to have a chance at the national title in January. A number of teams including Alabama, Oklahoma, and Nebraska must win out to get their names back in the national title discussions.

This past weekend's BCS standings were very shocking to me. The BCS committee made some very questionable decisions like having LSU jump ahead of Ohio State, even though the Buckeyes won 52-10 on the road in a Big Ten game.

LSU had a bye week and gained significant points in the standings by doing virtually nothing.

The BCS rankings are so important to forming the bowl games because they dictate and decide tie breakers in conferences like the Big Ten.

There are many games in the next few weeks that will form the 2010 college football bowl season. Auburn is

heading down to Bryant-Denny Stadium on November 26th in a Friday night game to take on the defending National Champs, the Alabama Crimson Tide.

This game decides who represents the SEC West in the SEC championship.

I believe the winner of this game will make the National Championship game in January to face the Oregon Ducks and that high powered offense Chip Kelly has running over every team in its path.

Although there is a lot of football left to play this season, here are some of my teams to earn BCS bids this bowl season.

The Rose Bowl will host the Wisconsin Badgers out of the Big Ten to face off against the undefeated Boise State Broncos.

The Orange Bowl will have the ACC Champion, which I believe will be Virginia Tech against the co-Big Ten Champion the Ohio State Buckeyes.

The Fiesta Bowl will be hosted by the Big East Champion Pittsburgh, who will face off against the Nebraska Corn Huskers who will win the Big 12 outright.

The final BCS bowl left to pick is the Sugar Bowl down in New Orleans. This game will include the Auburn Tigers versus the undefeated Mountain West Champion, Texas Christian University.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
There should be a lot that you'll be looking forward to doing with your friends. Someone ought to be able to help you take a fresh shot at clearing up some financial issues as well.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
It'd be a great time for making a few new friends. So if you're feeling at all sociable, don't be afraid to get out there and turn on the charm. But you should also make sure to get a little rest later tonight.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Whatever else is going on in your life, you're bound to have a good time chatting and getting caught up with lots of different people.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
A few financial issues are bound to be requiring your attention. And even if someone is willing to help you out with your financial situation, someone else might be bothering you about an old obligation.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Things are bound to be getting a little tense with someone special, and some relationships could be looking a little unstable. But you ought to be able to straighten out everything.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Despite any recent difficulties, an existing relationship should be getting a fresh start, or a new romantic opportunity could be on the way if you're still single. If you go out, you'll run into friends who have some very interesting gossip to share.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You should be getting a second chance to clear up some financial issues today. You ought to have the opportunity to get out and have a little fun later.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
There are bound to be a few issues that you'll have to sort out with someone special. Just see if you can manage to resolve any lingering concerns before the end of the week.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Good communication will be really important, and an honest heart-to-heart conversation should really help to improve things with a partner or loved one. Just try not to be too critical if you can help it.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You're bound to be busy dealing with a number of different issues. But your finances should be starting to improve a bit, so try not to waste your time getting into any arguments over money matters.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You ought to be feeling quite self-assured at the moment, and others should even find you rather magnetic. Just try not to be too domineering when it comes to your most important relationships.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You're bound to be eager for a few new experiences today. And it'd be a good time to start wrapping up any old projects and getting ready to move forward.

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Matthew Sheran

January 30, 1989 - November 1, 2010

"I was Matt's professor, and we had long talks about his career plans. Matt had just joined our major, regional planning, and he hoped to do research and work in sustainable development. Matt was in my planning law course, and he was super excited last week because he said he had "an aha moment when he figured out the arguments" for a complex case. He was so psyched: Wow, he said, now you can throw all the legal mumble jumble at me and I'll translate. Best of all, Matt and I talked about our golden retrievers. I have hugged and hugged Chelsea, my retriever, this week and will think of Matt and Petey and Ozzie whenever we walk in the woods from now on."

- Stephanie Kelly



"Matt Sheran was a positive man. Whether it be sitting in class or seeing him as you order a late night pizza, he was always polite and respectful of his fellow students and faculty. He was a great asset to the college and we will truly miss his smile, laugh, and positive outlook on life."

-A fellow student

"I remember in Fister's English class when we used to laugh that it took 30 min. to go through the attendance list EVERY day and there were only 10 people in the class. You were always so happy and I will miss you!!" - Krystle Brunette

Rest Peacefully
"Your memory
will never fade..."

"Matt, you were one of kindest and genuine friends I have ever met. You had the biggest heart and put everyone before yourself. I will never forget going to our brother's babe Ruth games together and begging our moms for money to walk to Palmers to buy juice barrels and candy bars. We would beg until they couldn't stand listening to us anymore. I will also still laugh about Ms. Dupre's class senior year of high school when you would try to sneak EVERYTHING under your desk as if she didn't expect it whether it was your cell phone or a pop tart. Then you would laugh and of course your cheeks would turn rosy red which was always the clue that you were guilty. You always knew how to make everyone laugh and the memories you have given us will never fade. You will always be in our thoughts and you will forever hold a special place in the class of 2007's hearts. Rest well Matt.

Love always,
 Tyler"



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Service in Stanley Park to honor Veterans past, present and future

**By Alex Myers and
Samantha Fahey**
Co-Editors-In-Chief

On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, the day before Veteran's Day, 30 or more veterans and their families gathered at Stanley Park in remembrance and to honor past, present, and future veterans.

One feature that was recently added to the park is one that many people probably don't know about. The Veterans Memorial is located close to the first entrance while driving down Western Avenue.

Among the group of families was four-year-old Gabrielle Goudreau, whose grandfather, Air Force veteran Raymond Tomasini, was only one of the veterans she was there to see. "We came to see all the veterans," Goudreau said.

Goudreau's younger brother Cooper and her mother Lisa were also in attendance.

Air Force veteran Tomasini recited the Pledge of Allegiance to begin what will be an annual tradition for Veteran's Day at Stanley Park for this memorial.

The service included the lighting of a Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) candle.

This serves as a remembrance of all the men and women that served our country who have not yet been accounted for, as Stanley Park director Robert McKean, an Air Force Veteran and former director of the state's Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam said.

Tomasini said, "This is a wonderful memorial that continues to grow each day. It reflects on Westfield veterans as well as those who are fighting now."

Marine Corps veteran and former Westfield city councilor, James Dowd, served as a guest and said that the memorial serves a tribute to not only Westfield veterans, but to anyone who has "earned the title of veteran," including those who are currently on active duty.

"Today we honor all veterans, past, present and future, but especially those who gave their lives for our hope for the future. And, we note that today's men and women in service carry on the tradition of our veterans," said Dowd.

McKean continued off of that and said, "We know that our world is safer, freer, and more peaceful today thanks to the vigilance and resolve of our fighting men and women."

On Thursday, November



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American Legion Post 454 color guard members from Westfield take part in Veteran's memorial ceremony at Stanley Park.

11, 2010, Westfield's Veterans' Council helped people all around the area remember why we celebrate Veteran's Day by hosting the city's annual parade and memorial observance.

Along with that, the Boys and Girls Club on West Silver Street

provided breakfast for veterans and active military recruits.

This memorial is a great addition to Westfield. It's a nice way to honor those people that served our country. As McKean said, "we owe them our freedom and our gratitude."

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Company Concert
Dever Stage/Hall

8:30p.m. - MOVIE:
The Other Guys
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Nov. 13
2:00p.m. - WSU Dance
Company Concert
Dever Stage/Hall

6:00p.m. - Part I:
Russian Film Series
"Burnt By The Sun"
Westfield Athenaeum
(Library)

Sunday, Nov. 14
7:30p.m. - New Music
By Student Composers
Dever Stage/Hall

8:30p.m. - MOVIE:
The Other Guys
Ely Main Lounge

Registration has come to an end for WSU seniors

By Jenn DiRosario
Voice Reporter

It's that time of the year again... registering for classes.

Every semester, students from freshmen to seniors go through the same ordeal, waking up at 7 a.m. and not falling asleep until it is time for the afternoon nap because they have been stuck in the registrar's office all morning.

Fortunately for

this year's seniors, who have registered a total of seven times altogether, they will never have to register at Westfield State University again.

An undergraduate academic career will come to a close in spring of 2011 for seniors like Gretel Cahoon, who is studying biology with a concentration in cellular and molecular studies and a minor in chemistry.

"It is a good feeling to have finished with scheduling classes," Cahoon said. "Not

only is it an annoyance but it is a reminder that you are still in school." Seniors have the most to rejoice about because this is the last time they will have to register and graduation is right around the corner.

The most significant problem that students have with registration is actually getting into *mywestfield*.

With several hundred students registering at once, the server crashes and freezes, sometimes for up to fifteen minutes.

Some students feel as if they have no luck with registration, but seniority is the only real factor that matters when registering and with that comes the perk of getting "all my classes, which was only three because I'm going to do an internship," Cahoon said.

Although registration spells out stress, annoyance, and sleep deprivation, wait until senior year when it will mean the end of a college career and the beginning of a new life!

Ni shuo zhong wen ma: Do you speak Chinese?

By Amy Woody
Voice Reporter

Recently, the Chinese classes on campus were given the amazing opportunity to take a field trip to the Chinese Immersion School in Hadley.

While there, they were amazed to see that a group of five-year olds—who had only been attending the school for two months—could speak better Chinese than they could.

As kindergartners and first graders, the students are fully taught in Chinese for 75% of their day. They learn math, science, and social studies in Chinese.

One might be wondering if this affects their English speaking skills, and the

answer is no. These children leave the school in seventh grade fully fluent in two languages.

Unfortunately, most people don't even know that Chinese classes exist, and if they do, they aren't aware of the numerous benefits of taking them.

Why take Chinese? In the Global Economy, China is flourishing despite the floundering economy of most developed countries. They have technology, work ethic, and most of all man-power.

If one wants to get a leg up in the business world, they had better be prepared to deal with Chinese business men, and doing so in their native language will give you an advantage over all of the other English speaking

people they deal with.

There are other benefits of learning Chinese other than in the business arena.

Learning to read and write characters (called hanzi) helps to train your brain to think symbolically. This is a very important and great skill to have.

If nothing else, learning Chinese exposes you to something that will force you to think outside of our western philosophy-oriented brains.

There are also lots of opportunities for jobs in China. In particular, they are always looking for people to teach English. We also have some great exchange programs here at the university. A student who studied abroad in China said, "going to China

really opened my eyes to third world poverty. People who are considered poor in America would be living the highlife in rural China."

Westfield State is looking to redo the common core, and one of the possible amendments will be including a foreign language requirement for students in all majors. Even though this requirement won't affect students directly, think about all the students in the future who will be leaving college with the capability to speak another language. Being bilingual in the job market is certainly an advantage.

Learning Chinese is very beneficial, so sign up for a Mandarin class on campus and it is promised to not disappoint.

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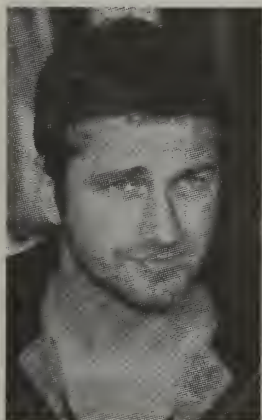
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REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahy

Gerard Butler - Born Nov. 13, 1969



Gerard James Butler was born in Paisley, Scotland but spent the first few years of his life in Montreal,

Canada before the family moved back to Scotland. He studied law at the University of Glasgow and even became president of the Law Club, though he himself says that he "blabbed" his way into the position. After he graduated, he started work as a trainee lawyer. In 1995, he was inspired to try acting. His breakthrough film was his outstanding performance as the Phantom of the Opera in the 2004 film adaptation of the Broadway musical. He then gained worldwide recognition as King Leonidas in the movie 300. Since then, he has appeared in projects such as P.S. I Love You, The Ugly Truth, Law Abiding Citizen, and The Bounty Hunter.

Jack Sheppard - Died Nov. 16, 1724



Sheppard was born in White's Row in London, an impoverished part of town that was known for

its high infant mortality rates. As such, Jack Sheppard was named after his older brother who died before he was born. Sheppard himself was a sick and frail baby. His father and his younger sister died when he was very young, leaving him with his mother and older brother as his only relatives, and none of them made enough money to support each other. In 1733 he took to theft and burglary. He was arrested and imprisoned five times and escaped four times, making him a notorious public figure and widely popular with the poorer classes. Ultimately, he was caught, convicted, and hanged, ending his short criminal career after only two years.

The Tenth Circle: A book review

By Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

Jodi Picoult is known for writing about difficult issues and moral decisions. In *The Tenth Circle*, this is no different, and she is as effective as ever.

Trixie Stone is a popular and relatively normal 14-year-old girl until she gets hurt and violated by her ex-boyfriend and her world crumbles around her.

The story is about not only her difficulties but also those of her father, Daniel Stone. Laura, his wife, is a professor at a university who along with the news of Trixie's tragedy also has her own marital issues with Daniel.

A quality I must point out about the book is that its characters are extremely deep. No character is a clear-cut hero or villain by the end of the book, and each character has their own flaws, motives,

and pasts. These characters and their internal conflicts are what drive the story more than anything else.

The plot is intense, with several twists that will make perfect sense but you will never see coming.

The only major critique I have of the book is that a major part of the ending was extremely predictable by halfway through, at least for this reader.

Daniel Stone is a comic book artist, and comic books play a major role in the story in the form of Daniel's comics (with extremely good illustration by Dustin Weaver), which are shown several times in

the book. These comics parallel the story, and while some may argue they are unnecessary, they add another dimension to the story that would be missed if not there.

Perhaps Daniel Stone's inner conflicts are perhaps the greatest part of the book. He has to decide between being the person he is or being the person he was, and decide what he is willing to do to protect his daughter.

Overall, the book is well written and incredibly complex. It takes complex issues such as rape and vigilante justice and makes the reader think about them deeply. 4.5 out of 5.

Read any good books lately? Seen any good movies?

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The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

I guess a probable phrase around Washington these days is "Where do we go from here?"

All parties involved in last Tuesday's drubbing at the hands of the Republican party deserve a little retrospective time off, a chance for the Democrats to figure out a game plan to reformulate their mission, and also a chance for the Republican's to focus their energy on winning the majority in Congress and possibly the White House in 2012.

For the Dem's, there are certain changes that must be made. First one is: do not allow lame-duck House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to take the powerful post as House Minority leader.

Reney Stoyer deserves the chance to do a better job than Pelosi did in her stint as Majority leader. She had her chance.

She was the ultimate "yes" person. Her claim to fame was clapping behind Obama on televised speeches, and banging the gavel on the historic (and hopefully temporary) present version of the health care bill.

I realize that a concern of many Americans is that the Republicans are going to tear apart and destroy the health care bill, while giving all the money to the rich.

At least that's what the liberals are warning, anyways. The truth is that the Republicans do want to tear the health care bill apart, its present version, at least.

They agree the country needs a health care overhaul, and no matter how well intentioned any proposal is, it's got to be paid for, somehow.

The President most likely was going to use the same fallback scheme he used for the bailouts: when the



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Conservatives all over the U.S. are counting the days until January when all the newly-elected House Republicans take office.

money runs out, just print more.

Obama actually mentioned this as a means to an end. Here was a bill that was shoved through the House and Senate voting without anybody reading it, filled with pork barrel spending projects, with many added on after the bill was signed.

One thing that had many people questioning the legitimacy of the health care bill voting process was the way the several democratic holdouts were treated. It was almost criminal in appearance, as the senators and congressmen were ushered into a backstage meeting with Obama and chief of staff Rahm Emmanuel.

After several hours these smiling, confident politicians would emerge from the room looking pale, and shaken.

They wouldn't reveal what went on in these meetings, and many were reported to have received big tax exemptions and lucrative pork projects for their own home districts.

Were we witness to a little strong arming, or what? The world may never know, but it

was shenanigans like these that the voters finally had their fill of.

The Dems laughed in the face of voters one too many times. The way the Democrats resembled storm troopers after the last elections, they seemed to forget there was going to be another election in another two years. It turned out it was their equivalent of kryptonite.

Even though the House is back in responsible hands, the lame-duck Congress may still cause problems by trying to force through the old majority's dangerous agenda.

The newly elected congressmen do not take office until January, so there is still ample time for a few "sour-grapes" to cause trouble.

We have to make sure that the lame-duck Congress does not place additional obstacles into the path of the health care repeal, while also making sure Obama extends the Bush tax cuts, which contrary to popular belief actually helps the little guy, for instance, small business owners and the like.

Keep your chin up... January will be here soon.

Editor's Desk



Hola amigos and amigas!

Can I just express how pumped I am that we didn't have classes on Thursday? I slept until probably noon. And wanted to stay sleeping.

I did a little homework, but that got real boring, real fast. Then I was a nerd and played a video game. I'm going into super-nerd status, but has anyone played Kingdom Hearts? I'm on the second one. If you like Disney and Disney movies, you'd love it.

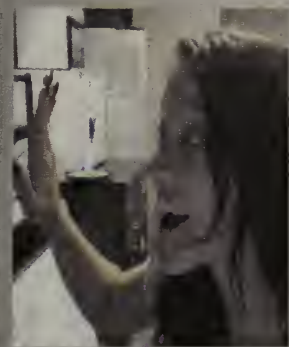
Anyway, I can't wait for this semester to be over. My classes are all just so overwhelming. But then again, as soon as it's over, I have to go right back to building bears. My work never ends ;)

Have a good weekend everyone!!

Samantha Fahey
Editor-In-Chief

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thevoice@wsc.ma.edu.



Editor's Desk

Howdy!

I want to start by saying how extremely excited I was to have a day off on Thursday! I mean, who wasn't right? I just slept in and LOVED it. As much as I'd love a long weekend, having days off in the middle of the week help so much. I hope all of you enjoyed your day off too!

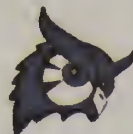
Anyway, I can't wait until the holidays. I'm waking up at 2:00a.m. on black Friday to go shopping with my mom. I'm crazy, I know, but you really do get great deals! I'm sure I'll be talking more about my upcoming holiday adventures in the next few weeks because I love the holidays... a lot.

Well everyone, that's it for this week. Have a great weekend and thanks for reading! :)

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

My fellow Americans, the next two years...will be awful.

Not only do all of those in the Republican House majority support a policy to repeal the health care bill, but they have also indicated that compromise is not likely on anything except for energy, technology, and free-trade agreements.

There are many issues in American life other than these three that require attention and legislation.

The attitude, as Virginian Republican Representative Eric Cantor exemplified, is "are we willing to work with him?" in reference to President Obama.

Mitch McConnell, a Republican senator from Kentucky, said that there is a "spending problem" and the "government is too big."

Rand Paul, the other soon-to-be-senator and Tea Party politician from Kentucky, also agreed that spending was an issue and even said that military spending should be reduced in some areas.

That leads to the question: who expanded the government so much and increased military spending to such excesses?

Could that be someone from their own party? It could be and it was. Where was the Tea Party Movement back then?

Where were the people carrying "don't tread on me" signs when a president put American lives at risk in pre-emptive war and bailed out companies?

But, no need to get into the past of a man who could not tell that a photo taken of him aboard Air Force One, thousands of feet



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Liberals across the country can only hope that, come January, the difference of parties in Congress doesn't hold back any legislation.

above the damage of a destructive hurricane might be a "huge mistake."

While that person wrote a little memoir about why stupid decisions were made, Obama and Congress—both Democrats and Republicans—have tried to pick up after him.

Clearly, eight years of mess is not so easily cleaned up in two years.

So maybe all of the nation's problems cannot be tracked to the previous administration, (although many really can) Congress and the Obama Administration need to forget about the past and look ahead.

The problem is that there is not much to look forward to unless one is interested in political drama. Even President Obama does not sound positive about the next two years.

As he said of the partisan situation in Washington, "there are going to be areas where we disagree and hopefully there are going to be some areas where we agree."

Even Obama, who ran on the hope

message, appears dismal.

He knows that an uphill battle will ensue after the unfavorable results of the mid-term elections.

The Republicans will surely put up a fight against the "liberal agenda" and will even disagree sharply within the GOP, as Tea-Party supporter Jim DeMint has indicated.

If the members of Congress who all belong to the Republican Party can't get along, how will they ever reach middle ground with the Democrats?

Welcome to the next two years, everyone. The American people have really done it again.

It's not just that they voted for some Tea Party Movement candidates and other Republicans, it is rather that they voted for contention, they voted for backwards-looking leaders, and most of all, they voted for discord.

The American people have spoken and if the large groups of Republican congresspersons do not listen to them, then one can only hope they don't blame Obama again in 2012.

Red Sox flashback: 2003 playoffs

By Chris McDaniel
Voice Reporter

85 years. That's how many years it had been since the Boston Red Sox had won a World Series title when they entered game three of the 2003 American League Division Series.

They were down 2-0 in the series and one game away from being eliminated and turning 85 World Series-less years into 86.

Then Trot Nixon hit a two-run homerun to bring the Red Sox and their fans back to life.

Still on the brink of elimination, the Sox went into game four with veteran John Burkett starting, who was not a fan favorite at the time, against one of the Oakland Athletics' three aces, Tim Hudson.

Game four just happened to be Steve Babcock's, a 13 year old at the time, first ever game at Fenway Park.

A neighbor who had season tickets with tickets for that day's game, which started at 3:00, came over 45 minutes before the game to give Babcock and his dad, Bruce, the tickets.

"Everything happened so fast," says Babcock, "I was shocked and excited. It was out of nowhere and it was just a normal Sunday."

In a child's life there are many memories from sports they always remember, first hit, first basket, first touchdown, but there is a different feeling of nostalgia about one's first ball game, especially when it's at Fenway.

The field has many quirks like one of the smallest foul territories in the major leagues, the green monster in left field, the triangle in deep center, Ted Williams home-run seat in the outfield, the list could go on and on.

Since the new ownership took over in 2002, the ballpark has gone from an old and rundown nightmare that was near demolition into a park very much in its glory.

That first game for anyone can do two things: hook them into the sport or bore them into a deep sleep.

Babcock says that this game brought him closer to baseball and made him look at the games differently.

"There was something in the air, like that playoff feeling and it was like everyone there was there for the one reason.

No one worried about anything besides the next pitch being thrown."

Once the game started the feeling of nostalgia began to wear off and the intensity of playoff baseball began to set in.

The game was tied after one inning until Oakland loaded the bases.

The Red Sox got out of that and in the bottom of the third, Johnny Damon hit a two-run homerun to put the Sox up 2-1.

The scoring remained quiet until the sixth inning when Burkett gave up three runs to put the Sox down 4-2. The Sox got one back in the next half inning with a Todd Walker home run to make the game 4-3 Oakland.

Baseball is often a game of scoring standstills and hot streaks. This game came to a screeching halt with no run scoring threats for either team until the bottom of the eighth inning.

The late innings in a game are when the game slows down drastically as if to amplify the anticipation and the importance of the next hit.

Keith Foulke then came in to pitch the bottom of the eighth inning and started off with a quick groundball to get Johnny Damon.

Now just five outs away from elimination and another failed season, the legendary Red Sox player Nomar Garciaparra came to the plate.

On the fifth pitch of the at bat, lightning struck as the crowd rose to its feet to see the double that put the Sox two bases short of tying the game up.

Next up was Todd Walker. The crowd seemingly died as he fled out to center on the third pitch.

The crowd rose for their star hitter Manny Ramirez. Ramirez's presence was another lightning bolt of energy into the crowd and he singled to left to move Garciaparra to third.

The Sox were just one out away from losing their biggest chance when David Ortiz came up. This was before Ortiz was known as "Big Papi" or known as one of the most clutch hitters in baseball.

The count went full when Ortiz got the eventual game winning double which scored Garciaparra and Ramirez.

"We 'cowboyed up' and made it happen" says Babcock.

The momentum had swung to the Sox side and anyone who had ever seen a playoff series knew that this was the type of loss that would defeat a team and end a series.

The Sox went on to win game five 4-3 and advanced to face the Yankees.

Every fan has that one game they will always remember and be able to tell an hour story about.

Game 4 of the 2003 ALDS was Steve Babcock's because of the history of Fenway Park, the greatest hot dog he ever had and all of the sights, sounds and drama of the game at arguably the greatest stadium in sport's history.

"I've been to a few ballparks since then and I've never been to a game or park like Fenway."

Student Spotlight



Brendan Reaney

Hometown: Braintree, MA

Major: History and Political Science

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I hopefully see myself living in Carver, MA, I really like the atmosphere there. I am hoping that I will become a lawyer working for a small firm there.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
Feel Good by Chip tha Ripper.

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?
I would invite Denzel Washington, my good friend Felix Reagan, and Kid Cudi. I would serve grilled cheese sandwiches simply because I could eat them all day.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Play ping pong in the scanlon basement. I'm not very good but my friends let me win sometimes haha.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Receiving a good GPA because it is really satisfying knowing that my hard work is paying off in the end.

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
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and tell us why.*

Westfield volleyball wins MASCAC title, plays at NYU tonight

Article courtesy of
WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State University captured the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's volleyball tournament by besting rival Bridgewater State University, 3-1 (25-27, 26-24, 25-18, 25-17) in the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Westfield (20-12) captured the MASCAC regular season and postseason tournament championship for the second straight year and now advances to the NCAA Division III national tournament, scheduled to begin with regional action Nov. 12-14.

No. 1 seed Westfield also had to rally for a 3-1 (22-25, 25-12, 25-19, 25-15) victory over No. 4 seed MCLA in a semifinal match played Saturday morning.

In the other semifinal



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The women's volleyball team poses after winning the MASCAC title.

match, Bridgewater handled Worcester State, 3-0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-17).

In the championship match, Bridgewater pulled out the first game, 27-25. The Bears jumped out to an early 12-6 lead.

In the key second game, the teams traded leads throughout. Westfield led 24-21 then Bridgewater scored three straight points to knot the score. The Owls scored the final two points to tie the match at 1-1.

The Owls led the third

game 19-18 and rattled off six straight points, with Rachel Ryan serving, to take a 2-1 match advantage.

In the decisive fourth game, Westfield took a 9-6 lead but Bridgewater regrouped for an 11-10 advantage. Sparked

by their tall frontcourt of Alex Shaw and Kelsey Leonard, the Owls scored five straight points for a 15-11 lead.

A kill by Bridgewater's Shelly DePina stopped the run, but Westfield later went on a 6-1 run for a commanding 22-15 lead.

Alyssa Stankowski receives the tournament MVP trophy from head coach Fred Glanville.

Ryan and Shaw had 12 and 10 kills, respectively, and Kerin DeGirolamo registered 40 assists and four blocks.

Leonard had eight blocks and Brittany Dussault contributed three service aces. Tournament MVP Alyssa Stankowski and Julia Warner both had 16 digs.

Westfield State University will play New York University (NYU) in the opening round of the NCAA Division III women's volleyball national tournament tonight, Friday, November 12 at 8:00 p.m.

Westfield hockey comes back from 4-1 deficit to tie Nichols

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

In front of 504 fans last Friday night, the Westfield State Owls men's ice hockey tied Nichols College 4-4 in a penalty filled game.

In a game that saw 20 combined penalties between the two teams, it figured that the play of the game would come after a whistle as Owls' forward Lucas Romero was awarded a penalty shot with one minute left in the third period.

Romero took full advantage of the opportunity and scored the game tying goal for Westfield.

The Bison stormed out to a commanding lead early in the game when they got goals

from Andrew Ella, Matt Sayer, Zach Kohn and Brent Davis.

However, the Owls would not quit despite being down by 3 goals late in the third period.

Westfield goalie Ray Monroe had 34 saves and allowed just one goal in the third period and the Owls outshot the Bison 25 to 9 in the final period.

In the third period, a pair of penalties by the Bison gave Westfield a brief 5-on-3 power play and they capitalized with just one second left on the two-man advantage when A.J. Shiverdecker scored a goal to cut the Bison lead to 4-2.

Freshman Vince Perreault, who scored Westfield's first goal of the game, tallied an

assist on Shiverdecker's goal.

Later in the third, another new face made an impact for Westfield as freshman Taylor Murphy's power play tip in made it 4-3 at the 17:34 mark.

Then with just over one minute left in the game, Romero took a loose puck into the neutral zone and looked like he was going to score until he was tripped up by Nichols Will Brown.

Romero was awarded a penalty shot and with that goal the game was tied 4-4 and headed into overtime.

In the overtime period both teams failed to score and game ended in a tie.

The tie was big for Westfield, as they did not want

to disappoint their home fans on opening night.

"The crowd for the entire game was amazing," said sophomore defenseman Jeff Callahan. "We knew it was going to be a big crowd and they really helped in the game. Hearing the crowd chanting helps elevate everyone's play and it was amazing to have that type of support."

Though the team pulled out a thrilling tie, the Owls know that they have to

improve.

"We need to put together a full 60 minutes and we need to play with a sense of urgency throughout the game," said Callahan. "We have a lot of potential but just need to put it all together right now and if we can do that we can beat anyone."

The Owls were picked to finish fourth in the division this year and hope to prove voters wrong with a strong season.

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Did you go to Midnight Madness?
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It's such a cool feeling to see your name in print!

Twelve seniors end their college careers on a high note

By Tyler Morisette
Voice Reporter

If one wanted to put into words how the Westfield State Owls' football season went this year, they would only have to look at last week's season finale to understand their season.

Narrowly pulling out a 17-14 win over Fitchburg State, the Owls were able to make it four years in a row without a losing record as they finished the season with a record of 5-5.

The Owls relied heavily on converted running back Evan Berneche again this week as he compiled 127 yards on 23 carries and had two touchdowns, including a 69-yard score in the first quarter, in his last college football game of his career.

Berneche finished the season with over 1200 all-purpose yards (595 yards rushing and 534 receiving).

Though Westfield was able to get out to a nice 17-7 first half lead, the Owls would only accumulate three first downs in

the second half. But this was when Westfield's defense took over.

The Owls were only up by three late in the fourth quarter after a Tyler Dow fumble set up a Fitchburg touchdown.

After Fitchburg forced a Chris Stengel punt, the Falcons took over at their own 10-yard line.

The Falcons looked like they were in great position to tie the game, but a costly fumble by Darren Wilson at the Westfield 48-yard line stalled the drive and ended the game.

The fumble was forced by Bryan Anderson and recovered by Dan Dowling.

"With the offense not playing too well in the second half, the defense really stepped up", said receiver CJ Franklin who had 1 catch for 8 yards.

"Jeff Smith and Dave Jolicoeur really made some great defensive plays at the end of the game."

Anderson, Dowling and leading Owls tackler Justin Erhardt each had 12 tackles in the game.



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Anthony Tomacchio was one of twelve WSU players honored on Senior Day.

It was a great end to a somewhat disappointing season in which the Owls were optimistic to make a strong run in the division this year.

Senior tight end Matt Ross, who caught a key third down pass for 26 yards, talked about the season and how he

felt about it being the last game of his career.

"It's sad, I think we could have played better on offense, but we had a good season," Ross said. "But I am definitely going to miss football and this team a lot."

It was great end for the

twelve Westfield seniors: Bryan Anderson, Keith Bateman, Evan Berneche, Taylor Bradway, John Hickey, Randy Hitchins, Dave Jolicoeur, Jon Lynch, Steve Ohlson, Matt Ross, Chris Stengel, and Anthony Tomacchio as they finished their Owls career with a victory.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 10 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, November 14.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 10 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morisette
Baltimore vs. Atlanta	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	BAL
Minnesota vs. Chicago	MIN	MIN	MIN	CHI	MIN
N.Y. Jets vs. Cleveland	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	CLE
Carolina vs. Tampa Bay	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB
Tennessee vs. Miami	TEN	MIA	TEN	TEN	TEN
Cincinnati vs. Indianapolis	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Detroit vs. Buffalo	BUF	DET	DET	DET	DET
Houston vs. Jacksonville	JAC	JAC	HOU	HOU	JAC
Kansas City vs. Denver	KC	KC	KC	KC	KC
St. Louis vs. San Francisco	SF	SF	STL	STL	SF
Dallas vs. N.Y. Giants	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG
Seattle vs. Arizona	ARI	SEA	ARI	SEA	ARI
New England vs. Pittsburgh	PIT	PIT	NE	NE	PIT
Philadelphia vs. Washington	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	WAS
Last Week	11-2	10-3	8-5	6-7	9-4
Season Record	81-49	75-39	73-57	70-60	72-58
Bye Teams: Green Bay, New Orleans, Oakland and San Diego					

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



Boy was that ugly. I don't even know what to say about that game.

My dad called after the fore mentioned Patriots game to talk about it but I couldn't even pick up the phone.

I had no interest in discussing the ugly mess that I saw on the field on Sunday afternoon.

I called him back later that night, after I had some time to turn off the TV and get my mind away from football – because after watching one of the most embarrassing Patriots' losses I can remember, doing the homework I'd been dreading all weekend suddenly became an appealing option.

The Pats were completely unprepared for the game against Cleveland. They didn't even show up.

Rob Gronkowski played as if he single-handedly wanted to shoulder the blame for the loss. Calling for a fair catch on a kickoff and then not fielding it is absolutely inexcusable.

The same can be said for trying to pick up extra yards near the goal line without protecting the ball with two hands when you know the defense is going to do all it can to rip it from you.

ButevenGronkowski's two crucial errors, along with multiple drops, don't get all the blame for that awful loss.

Some blame goes to every Pats' receiver for dropping passes and struggling to get open. The blame also goes to Tom Brady for making some boneheaded decisions and throwing the ball 90 MPH at his receivers' feet once again – maybe a hair cut would do Tom some good.

You can't forget the Patriots' defense who allowed Colt McCoy and the Cleveland Browns to put up 34. How about having a little pride and making a stop?

Even when they knew Peyton Hillis was going to run it right at them up the middle they couldn't even lay a finger in him. It was flat out embarrassing to watch.

The only thing that almost made this game better was the Jets losing to the Lions – oh wait, that didn't happen.

I looked down at the scores midway through the fourth quarter and the Lions were up 10 points with five minutes to go.

I felt a lot better knowing that the Jets and Dolphins (who lost to the Ravens) weren't going to gain any ground on the Pats in the division.

But the Lions did what all bad teams do (just think of my Buffalo Bills – more on that later). They found a way to blow it.

They gave up a touchdown and then couldn't get a first down or kill the clock on offense, giving the Jets one more chance to come down the field for a game tying field goal.

The Jets of course marched right down and hit the field goal, sending the game into overtime. I knew it was over at that point.

It was expected what was going to happen next. I didn't have to watch Nick Folk hit the game winning field goal to know that the Jets had drawn even with New England in the division race.

As I said last week, the Patriots are lucky that they picked a mediocre year in the NFL to be a semi-good team.

Last week, "experts" were saying the Pats were the best team in the league... and then they lost to the Browns. That pretty much sums up the NFL this year.

As they say on PTI, parting trails to Wade Phillips. The Dallas Cowboys' head coach was fired Monday

afternoon after the Cowboys' humiliating loss to the Packers put their season record at 1-7.

Tony Romo's injury killed that offense, but it's the Cowboys' defense that's to blame for this waste of a season.

Allowing an average of 40 points over their last three games put a nail in the coffin of the Cowboys' season.

I'm not sure how much Phillips is to blame for the Cowboys' struggles this season, but it's the head coach's job to have his team ready to play each week – Phillips clearly didn't do that this year.

Vikings' head coach Brad Childress would be joining Phillips in the unemployment line if it wasn't for Brett Favre's brilliance against the Cardinals on Sunday.

Trailing by 14 points in the fourth quarter, Favre led the Vikings on two scoring drives including a 25-yard touchdown pass to Visanthe Shiancoe with 34 seconds left in the game to send it into overtime.

The Vikings hit a field goal in overtime to win the game

and on the shoulder of Favre (who had a career-high 446 passing yards) improved their record to 3-5, saving Childress' job – at least temporarily.

The Vikings are 2.5 games behind the Packers in the NFC North and technically still have a shot at the playoffs. Anything short of a remarkable second half to the season and trip to the playoffs, Childress can make long term vacation plans for next fall.

Before I end, I have to give a gloomy parting shout out to my lovable losers, the Buffalo Bills.

My poor Bills lost their third straight close game, this one to the Chicago Bears in Toronto. The supposed home game seemed more like a road game as the Bills got no support from their "home" crowd.

Both teams scored three touchdowns, but Rian Lindell had an extra point blocked, setting off a series of unfortunate events.

A failed two-point conversion by the Bills, an underthrown Ryan Fitzpatrick pass that would've sealed the

win with a touchdown but instead was intercepted, and a made two-point conversion by the Bears are the reason the Bills lost.

Lindell had made all 321 extra points he had ever attempted in his career before the miss on Sunday, the fourth longest streak in NFL history.

But that's the type of season the Bills have had. Coming off back to back overtime losses, the Bills played their hearts out and still couldn't get that elusive first win.

And to make matters worse, Bills' wide receiver Roscore Parrish (my favorite player on Buffalo) is now out for the year with a broken wrist.

Parrish was finally seeing a lot of playing time and having the best season of his career – but again, that's the type of season that poor Buffalo has had.

Anyway, I'm out of room folks but thanks for reading. Email me your questions and comments to stfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com. Until next time, have a great weekend!

Upcoming WSU Home Games



Tuesday, November 16

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Framingham State @ 7:35 p.m.

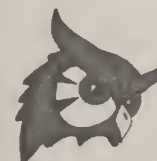
Wednesday, November 17

Women's Basketball vs. Smith College @ 7:00 p.m.

Women's Swimming vs. Mount Holyoke College @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 18

Men's Ice Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth
@ 7:35 p.m.



Support your Owls!

Celtics looking for banner 18

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

As seen in the commercials on CSN, it is no surprise that the Celtics' goal this season it to win their 18th NBA championship.

Since the Boston Celtics have had the real big three in Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, and Paul Pierce, they have gotten off to quick starts in the Eastern Conference. The 2010-2011 season is no different as this veteran squad has started off 6-2.

They began the season by winning the most hyped season opener in recent memory, beating the Heat to show the NBA they are still the team to beat in the Eastern Conference.

The Celtics enter this season trying to recover from their heart breaking loss in game seven of last season's NBA Finals. Boston has added

a lot of depth to their lineup to strengthen their already stout bench.

They added former Celtic Delonte West and future hall of famer Shaquille O'Neal.

The most valuable player to this point in the season would have to be All-Star point guard Rajon Rondo.

So far all he's done is break a hand full of NBA assist records and lead Boston to an impressive record to begin the season.

When Kendrick Perkins returns to the lineup later this season, the Celtics will easily be one of the deepest teams in the NBA.

On November 3rd in an intense game versus the Milwaukee Bucks, Paul Pierce racked up his 20,000th point, becoming the third leading scorer in Celtics history. Pierce only sits behind Celtic greats John Havlicek and Larry Bird.

As the Celtics continue to progress into the

season, it is important for them to stay healthy because of the amount of older veterans they have on their roster.

Kevin Garnett has had some re-occurring knee problems over his career that some sources are saying are beginning to bother him once again.

Shaquille O'Neal has also been banged up this season already, resting for a couple of games to let his injured right knee heal.

As rumors swirl about this season being Doc Rivers' last hurrah, the Celtics are inspired this year to deliver him a championship on his way out Boston.

As the Celtics continue to get older each year, there are only a couple years left this team can compete at a championship level. Look for Danny Ainge to make a move at the trade deadline to add yet another key player to this already impressive team.

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

On Sunday night the Boston Celtics (6-1) started the first game of their four game road trip off with a bang as they beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 92-83.

The Celtics played a great first and went into the halftime break up 58-37.

In the third quarter, however, the starters let the lead slip a little bit as the Thunder outscored the C's 27-15 during the third quarter. The bench came on in the fourth quarter and played very well relieving the starters.

Boston's bench outscored Oklahoma's reserves 33-12. New acquisition Semih Erden, the big man from Turkey, had 9 points and looked more fluid on the floor.

Marquis Daniels played great as a spark off the bench being involved

offensively and defensively in every play for a 2 minute stretch. He ended up having 7 points on the night.

Shrek and Donkey (the nicknames for Glenn Davis and Nate Robinson respectively) as they have been coined, played very with each other.

Davis has made a huge impact coming off the bench for the Celtics so far this year with solid offense and stellar defense.

Davis has great feet and awareness which he has illustrated with numerous charge calls going in his favor.

Robinson came out of his shell scoring 9 points with 3 of those being on a last second running three-point shot that bounced off the backboard and into the basket.

The starters played well also with Rondo being a floor general distributing the ball, Pierce slashing to basketball and Allen shooting from all over the floor.

Fantasy football week number nine studs and duds

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Quarterback Studs

1. Aaron Rodgers (GB) Played Dal and got 289 Pass yards and 3 Pass TDs - 27 Points
2. Michael Vick (Phi) Played Ind and got 218 Pass yards and 1 Pass TD - 26 Points
3. Philip Rivers (SD) Played Hou and got 295 Pass yards and 4 Pass TDs - 26 Points

Quarterback Duds

1. Tony Pike (Car) Played NO and got 47 Pass yards in relief of Clausen - 1 Point
2. Jimmy Clausen (Car) Played NO and got 47 Pass yards and 1 INT off the bench - 1 Point
3. Charlie Whitehurst (Sea) Played NYG and got 113 Pass yards and 1 Pass TD - 6 Point

Running Back Studs

1. Peyton Hillis (Cle) Played NE and got 184 Rush yards and 2 Rush TDs - 32 Points
2. Arian Foster (Hou) Played SD and got 127 Rush yards and 2 Rush TDs - 31 Points
3. Adrian Peterson (Min) Played Ari and got 81 Rush yards and 1 Rush TD - 26 Points

Running Back Duds

1. Legarrette Blount (TB) 46 rushing yards - 4 Points
2. Ryan Mathews (SD) 50 rushing yards, 1 catch and 1 fumble - 5 Points
3. Julius Jones (NO) 68 rushing yards - 6 Points

Wide Receiver Studs

1. Seyi Ajirotutu (SD) Played Hou and got 111 Rec. yards and 2 Rec. TDs - 23 Points
2. Jacoby Ford (Oak) Played

KC and got 148 Rec. yards and 1 Ret. TD - 20 Points

3. DeSean Jackson (Phi) Played Ind and got 20 Rush yards, 109 Rec. yards and 1 Rec. TD - 18 Points

Wide Receiver Duds

1. Steve Smith (Car) 1 catch - 1 Point
2. Calvin Johnson (Det) 1 catch - 1 Point
3. Lee Evans (Buf) 30 Yards - 3 Points

Tight End Studs

1. Aaron Hernandez (NE) Played Cle and got 48 Rec. yards and 2 Rec. TDs - 16 Points
2. Jacob Tamme (Ind) Played Phi and got 108 Rec. yards and 1 Rec. TD - 16 Points
3. Randy McMichael (SD) Played Hou and got 23 Rec. yards and 2 Rec. TDs - 14

Points

Tight End Duds

1. Todd Heap (Bal) Played Mia and got 23 Rec. yards - 2 Points
2. Tony Scheffler (Det) Played NYJ and got 22 Rec. yards - 2 Points
3. Brandon Myers (Oak) Played KC and got 20 Rec. yards - 2 Points

Kicker Studs

1. David Akers (Phi) Played Ind and made 2 FG 20-29, 1 FG 30-39 - 15 Points
2. Billy Cundiff (Bal) Played Mia and made 3 FG 20-29, 1 FG 30-39 - 14 Points
3. Sebastian Janikowski (Oak) Played KC and made 1 FG 20-29, 1 FG 30-39 - 12 Points

Kicker Duds

1. David Buehler (Dal) Played GB and made 1 PAT - 1 Point
2. Stephen Gostkowski (NE) Played Cle and made 1 PAT - 1 Point
3. Olindo Mare (Sea) Played NYG and made 1 PAT - 1 Point

Stud Defenses

1. Green Bay - Played Dal, 7 Pts Allowed, 4 Sacks - 28 Points
2. New Orleans - Played Car, 3 Pts Allowed, 4 Sacks - 21 Points
3. Arizona - Played Min, 27 Pts Allowed, 3 Sacks - 21 Points

Dud Defenses

1. Carolina - Played NO, 28 Pts Allowed, 1 Sack - 2 Points
2. Dallas - Played GB, 33 Pts Allowed, 1 Sack - 2 Points
3. New England - Played Cle, 34 Pts Allowed, 1 fumble recovered - 1 Point

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Everyone around you ought to find you very supportive. You're bound to be quite content to spend most of your time at home paying attention to your family and loved ones.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You'll end up connecting with all sorts of different people this week. You'll be feeling a little opinionated though, and you won't be too shy about letting other people know exactly what you're thinking and feeling.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Your focus will be directed more inward, and it wouldn't be a bad idea to spend a little time reflecting on a few personal issues that have been weighing on your mind this week.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You should be feeling extremely sociable at the moment, and you'll be eager to connect with other people as much as possible. You may even end up being the center of attention.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Whatever you end up dealing with, you'll be willing to make quite a few sacrifices for the sake of others. Even if it doesn't seem apparent at the moment, just realize that other people should be taking note of your efforts.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You'll have a bit of a taste for adventure this week and should be in a little more of a risk-taking mood than usual. It should be a good time to try to broaden your horizons.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
If you're able to spend a little time focusing on some financial matters, you should really be able to straighten a few things out. Some family members ought to be willing to help you out as well.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You should be able to have a really good time with your partner this week, and any time spent together ought to help clear up any lingering issues between the two of you. It should really be a great time to talk about anything important in your relationship.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Even if there are lots of different things for you to have to take care of, you really won't mind all that much. You should have the energy you need to handle everything.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You'll be feeling very generous towards everyone around you, especially any romantic interests. It should be a great day for love and romance, so don't be afraid to express your emotions.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
There ought to be quite a few things for you to have to take care of on the home front. You'll be perfectly happy to deal with all your responsibilities..

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
It's a great time to let your loved ones know how you really feel. Now's a good time to put some thought into any interesting ideas you have.

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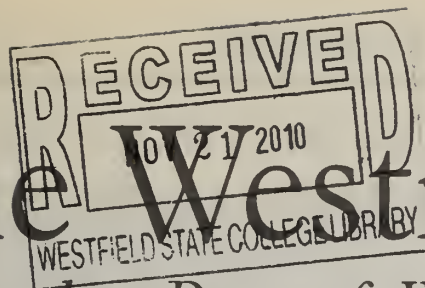
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Thanksgiving much more than turkey and pumpkin pie

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Americans know Thanksgiving Day to mean Turkey Day, the fourth Thursday of November, Football Day, amongst other things.

However, this holiday is a lot more than stuffing bellies with turkey, yams, and pumpkin pie. The beginning of Thanksgiving goes back a long way and its story deserves to be shared.

The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621 to honor the harvest that was gathered by the Plymouth Colony after a very harsh and long winter.

Governor William Bradford declared a day of thanksgiving that year after the pilgrims survived the winter months and could now be thankful for their food and lives.

The colonists celebrated this day as a traditional harvest feast and they invited the local Wampanoag Indians to join them.

Though a little extreme, some disapprove of the fact that although the colonists invited the Indians to their feast, technically they were on the Indians' land and

were eating their food.

So the thought that Pilgrims and Indians fought over land during the first Thanksgiving

them did participate sometime after the fall harvests.

In October of 1789, George Washington declared it an



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The first Thanksgiving took place in the fall of 1621.

is not far from the truth.

They did fight over land, but the first T-Day was spent sharing food and company, not arguing.

All thirteen colonies did not at first celebrate Thanksgiving at the same time, although all of

official holiday.

By the mid-1800's, many states observed the Thanksgiving holiday and would celebrate it. Poet and editor Sarah J. Hale was lobbying for a national Thanksgiving holiday.

President Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War, was trying to find ways to unite the nation and decided to discuss the subject of Thanksgiving with Hale – hoping he has found his way to do so.

In 1863, Lincoln gave his Thanksgiving Proclamation declaring the last Thursday in November a day of thanksgiving.

It did not stay that way for long, for between 1939 and 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt announced Thanksgiving as the third Thursday in November to leave more time for the Christmas shopping season.

Controversy followed this, though, and Congress passed a joint resolution in 1941 saying that Thanksgiving should fall on the fourth Thursday of November and that is where it remains today.

As all Thanksgiving lovers out there enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, remember to keep in mind the reason we get to celebrate it.

Had the Native Americans and the colonists not been willing to settle their differences and share their land and food, we might still be in school on the fourth Thursday in November, and we might never know the distinct and yummy taste pumpkin pie has on Thanksgiving – different from any other day.

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7:30p.m. - Price it
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Sunday, Nov. 21
4:00p.m. - Xbox On
The Big Screen
Ely Main Lounge

Quidditch: Popular wizard sport comes to WSU

By Vanessa Dion
Voice Reporter

Fall is the time of year when sports teams are gearing up for the approaching games of the season.

Football and soccer are some of the more popular sports games.

There is another sport that is not often thought of because it is not designed for the average "muggle" to play.

Quidditch is the popular and competitive sport played by wizards and witches in J.K. Rowling's famous Harry Potter series.

Played while sitting upon broomsticks, this wouldn't be a sport one would see muggles, or non-magic folk, playing.

However, recently the game has made its way from the pages, to the movie screen, to actual fields in the muggle world.

This game has become popular very quickly, and Westfield State University is ready to join in the fun.

Cori Glennie, a Junior double majoring in Math and Science Education, and her



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WSU is joining other colleges and universities by creating a Quidditch Club on campus.

friend Kate Anderstrom, also a Junior with a double major in Psychology and Ethnic and Gender Studies, started putting together the WSU Quidditch Club this past summer.

Glennie had heard of the muggle version of Quidditch back when she was in high school, but when she watched a game at UMASS

last year, she thought that "it looked like so much fun to play."

Quidditch is played between two teams of seven players, who run with brooms between their legs.

The Keeper is the team's goalie, the Beaters are the defense, and the three Chasers move the balls down the field.

The object of the game

is for the Chasers to score a volleyball (called the "quaffle" in the Harry Potter series) into the goal of the opposing team, earning their team ten points.

The Beaters, and occasionally the Keeper, throw dodgeballs (called "bludgers" in the series) at the Chasers in an attempt to prevent them from scoring.

If hit, the player must go back to their side of the field, symbolizing that they have fallen from their broom.

The Snitch, as Harry Potter lovers know it, is a tiny golden ball with wings. In a muggle's version of Quidditch, it is a team member dressed in yellow who carries a small ball in a sock at their waist.

Whoever catches the Snitch and steals the sock from them grants their team fifty points.

Quidditch is not only for Harry Potter fans, however.

Glennie is "sure there will be some people who join because they heard from friends at other schools that it's a fun sport." Anderstrom has only read some of the books herself.

For more information about Quidditch, check out www.internationalquidditch.org.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 is now playing in theaters!

Be part of the wizarding world & stop being a "muggle" by signing up for the Quidditch club on campus!



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The undeclared American holiday

By Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

Thanksgiving is a little less than a week away and while many people are cleaning the house and cooking feasts, a whole host of people are busy anticipating something besides mountains of mashed potatoes: Black Friday.

Although it is not deemed an official United States holiday, it sure holds the popularity of one.

Originating in 1924 after the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Black Friday has been viewed as the beginning of the holiday season.

Not until the 1970s did the day become synonymous with a widespread search for holiday gifts.

Even then, Black Friday was not as popular as it is now. The hype associated with Black Friday in today's culture began around 2002.

So, because Black Friday is associated with widespread shopping, it must be the most profitable day of the year, right?

Actually, the days in which retail profits are at their highest usually occur either on the last Saturday before Christmas or on Christmas Eve.

One of the reasons that Black Friday became popular was that retailers realized that following a Thanksgiving Day feast, many Americans were geared up and ready to shop for the holidays.

After noting this trend, retailers began offering big sales every year and now some stores announce their sales hours before hand while others give shoppers notice weeks in advance.

Many retailers also open their doors earlier, around 5 a.m., so that the influx of shoppers can get an early start.

According to a 2009 survey by BIGresearch, 31.2%

of shoppers that year arrived at their target destination right when the stores opened.

The next step for retailers was to begin online shopping deals.

Today, many people have access to computers for shopping online, and stores post similar deals online to the ones in stores on Black Friday and thus, are expanding the number of customers.

Even as popular as Black Friday is, research by BIGresearch shows that on average, a shopper only has about 46% of their holiday shopping completed by the second week of December.

So, if you're feeling ambitious enough to tackle the crowds, feel free to trek to your nearest mall at 4:30 a.m. next Friday, November 26th.

But if you don't seem to want to roll out of bed that early, rest easy knowing that you have a solid month of sales to fall back on.

Best stores to get the best deals on Black Friday

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

It's Thanksgiving night and while you might be hitting the hay for the night, many Americans are starting their cars, going through the Dunkin' Donut's drive-thru and just beginning their day.

The best deals of the Christmas season are hours within reach. Black Friday, the unofficial American holiday, begins in the wee hours of the morning the day after Thanksgiving.

So what stores are worth the lines, the chaos, and the potential bruises? According to BlackFriday.com, the top three stores are Wal-mart, Target, and Best Buy.

Wal-mart is open 24 hours on Black Friday and has great sales on electronics.

Target, according to

BlackFriday.com, has some deals worth waiting in line for. The doors open at 5 a.m., so make sure you start camping out early.

At Target, there are deals on electronics, video games, women's apparel, and sales on toys. Best Buy rounds up the top three with tremendous doorbuster deals on HDTVs, laptops, video games and more.

BlackFriday.com offers a tip for Best Buy customers. The site said, "competition is stiff at Best Buy on Black Friday due to its popularity both in-store and online. Arrive early and do your research online beforehand to prioritize the deals you intend to target first."

If you are looking for great deals on items other than electronics, Kohl's opens at 3 a.m. and offers sales on many items from bedding to women's apparel

and everything in between.

PacSun and American Eagle Outfitters are often stores that are passed over on Black Friday, but nevertheless offer great deals as well.

If you don't want to wake up early, but are afraid that you won't get the same deals if you wait, don't worry. The sales will last from Black Friday through Sunday.

Also, if you are more of a coach potato than a get-up-and-go person, then just wait until that following Monday, also known as Cyber Monday, when there will be plenty of deals online, on websites like Amazon.com.

Black Friday is exhilarating to some and annoying to others, but if you want to get great deals and burn off your Turkey Day calories, than Black Friday may be the perfect shopping day for you.

Student Spotlight



Marissa Chiara

Hometown: Arlington, MA.

Major: Business Management

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I see myself living in Boston, being a season ticket holder for the Celtics, and having a Range Rover.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
The Only Way I Know How To Feel by Boys Like Girls

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would they be and what would you serve?
I would invite Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, and Paul Pierce over and I would serve my dad's pizza and chicken tacos.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Listen and discover new music and sleep.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Either winning my RA section event titled "The Newlywed Game" with my cousin and roommate, Michelle and also meeting all of the people that I became friends with.

Lucky number?

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*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

Thanksgiving is a time for togetherness

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

The Thanksgiving that many people celebrate in the United States today is quite different from the "first thanksgiving" of so long ago.

Much of the food is different, along with the traditions like watching football and shopping that are so characteristic of this holiday today.

The original thanksgiving was for giving thanks to God for surviving through the bitter winter in New England.

People may not still regard Thanksgiving as a religious holiday, but many Americans do still give thanks around this time.

Some may argue that American culture has "secularized" this religious holiday with shopping and football and food.

The truth is that Thanksgiving, just like Christmas and other "materialistic" holidays in the United States, brings people together.

Most Americans who celebrate Thanksgiving spend the day with family or relatives or even with close friends.

Other people really do take turns to go around the table at the feast to explain all of the things or people they are grateful to have in their lives.

The food, including turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and whatever else may be pretty fabulous too, but the time spent with family making the dinner or watching football or the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on TV is priceless.

Some families go out 7 a.m. or 3 a.m. or even 12 a.m. the next day, Black Friday, to begin shopping for the holiday season. This is also oftentimes with relatives and friends.

The cynics can call this another "materialistic" holiday created by fat, selfish America, but the "things" that make up this holiday, like shopping for gifts or eating great food, involve family and friends.

Family and close friends are not "things" or "items" that will be easily replaced.

Celebrating Thanksgiving is a way to spend time and to treasure these important people in life.

Even if people do not go around the Thanksgiving table to literally "give thanks," many Americans are happy with what they have on this holiday and some even share their good fortune by donating turkeys or even time to others in need.

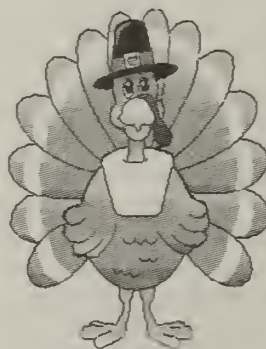
So if someone tries to tell you how Thanksgiving is all about excess of goods like food or presents, you can just tell them that the precious time spent with family and friends or giving to others is not in excess at all.

Thanksgiving "Shindig" at Tommy D's!

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Editor's Desk



Hi everyone!

Who else can't wait for Thanksgiving?! I'm so excited. My favorite...mashed potatoes...and there's something so much better about them on November 25th.

Alex was writing the article on the front page about the pilgrims and Indians and she said that she's never seen Plymouth Rock. That just seems so crazy to me!! I mean sure, I live about 15 minutes from there, but still!

I have to work on Black Friday...but I don't think people will be banging down the doors to buy build-a-bears.

Anyway, have a great weekend everyone and eat a lot!!

Samantha Fahey
Editor-In-Chief

Cooking with Nicole Nado Homemade Pancakes

Ingredients

- 4 cups of flour
- 1 cup of sugar
- ¼ powdered sugar
- 3 tbsp. of baking soda
- 1 tbsp of salt
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup of butter
- 2 tbsp of butter

Steps

1. In large bowl combine flour, sugar, powdered sugar, baking powder

and salt

2. In separate bowl, eggs, butter, and vanilla.
3. Pour liquid ingredients into dry ingredients and mix well.
4. Pour batter onto griddle and cook cakes until they have bubbles
5. Flip and cook until golden brown

ENJOY!

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Meg Ryan – Born Nov. 19, 1961



Meg Ryan was born in Fairfield, Connecticut. Her mother appeared in one television commercial

and then worked as a casting director, so she highly encouraged Meg's decision to pursue acting. She graduated from high school in 1979 and went on to study journalism at the University of Connecticut, simultaneously acting in television commercials to earn extra money. Her success as an actress led to her to drop out of college only a semester before graduating. Her first full-blown hit was the romantic comedy *When Harry Met Sally...* but she had had a role in the long-running daytime drama titled *As The World Turns* previously. Since then she has starred in movies like *Sleepless In Seattle* and *You've Got Mail*. She has two kids, both by Dennis Quaid.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Lee Harvey Oswald – Died Nov. 24, 1963



Oswald was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. His father died before he was born, forcing his mother

to raise him and his two brothers alone, but she had to put them in an orphanage for 13 months because she couldn't support them. As a child Oswald had been withdrawn and temperamental – he even threatened his brother's wife with a knife after hitting his own mother across the face. He was sent for psychiatric assessment and they concluded that he had schizoid features and passive-aggressive tendencies. He later joined the Marines and briefly lived in the Soviet Union before returning home. On November 22 he was arrested for the murder of John F. Kennedy. Two days later while being transferred to county jail, Oswald was murdered by a nightclub owner.

The Illustrated Man: A Book Review

By Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

Ray Bradbury is, in my opinion, one of the greatest short story writers of all time.

He has written hundreds of books, and even if you aren't aware of it, you've been exposed to at least some of them.

Eighteen of these excellent stories are collected in the book "The Illustrated Man", which collects eighteen of his stories into a single volume.

Bradbury uses the interesting framing device of a story of a man covered in moving tattoos, each of which "illustrates" one of these stories.

Other than this, there is no relation between the stories. There are two recurring themes, however, that Bradbury expresses effectively.

The first of these is how technology is neutral and cold. The second is humanity, and how the human condition stays the same, regardless of what we have and how "advanced" we are.

In addition, you will commonly find some unexpected twists in the plot which make you look at the world differently.

All of these stories are excellent and enjoyable to read, with only a couple exceptions, if any.

However, a few do stand out among the collection.

The first of these is "Kaleidoscope," a story about a doomed spaceship.

It is both a sad and

heartwarming story about finding meaning in life.

Another story is "The Rocket Man," which is about an astronaut's family dealing with his constant long absences due to his job.

The greatest of these stories is "The Rocket," the last in the book, which is about a man's attempts to send his family into space at least once.

After reading it, you'll be thinking about it for a long time.

This is an excellent collection of stories by Bradbury that should be read by anyone who is a science-fiction fan, a fan of Ray Bradbury, or wants to read something imaginative. I give it a 4 out of 5.

Read any good books lately? Seen any good movies?

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Remembering Old-School TV: 'Hey Arnold'

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

What great 90's cartoon said these lines: "Move it football head" and "Stoop kid afraid to leave his stoop"? Just in case you somehow don't know, the answer is "Hey Arnold".

Remember that show, with that catchy theme song? Every time you heard that song, you knew you'd be hooked for the next half hour. The kid with the "football head" was a hero to our generation, and we still remember all the funny things that happened to Arnold and his friends.

In each episode Arnold would help (usually hinder) his friends with all sorts of issues, including getting a baseball back when it landed in someone's garden and finding a bag full of money while dressed as a banana.

Arnold was the type of kid that everyone wanted to have as a friend. He was a caring and compassionate kid who always helped out his friends.

Remember the time when he help Harold overcome



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his fears of becoming a man in the "Bar Mitzvah" episode? Or his helping "stoop kid" finally leave his stoop? I still remember getting emotional when I saw the episode about Arnold's parents.

We all wish we could do that secret handshake that Arnold and his best friend Gerald did. We all loved seeing Eugene be a klutz and getting into sticky situations. In addition, Arnold had a kid's dream-bedroom - a room that most kids could only wish for.

Despite living in his grandparents' boarding house, he had an attic room, which was only accessible by pulling a cord so the stairs lowered. It had a transparent ceiling and

furniture that came out of the walls. It was spacious and plus there was even room for his pet pig.

These are rich memories, and while it is already noteworthy enough that they existed so far in the past, it is even more incredible to think how brief and concise each is.

Each story, each half-episode was slightly over 11 minutes long. Eleven minutes. It took eleven minutes for the entire parade float ordeal, for Harold's whole ham stealing incident, for the entire city to be flooded.

It took eleven brief minutes, and yet these stories still stay with people who watched "Hey Arnold" today.

Editor's Desk



Hey!

The last issue before a much needed Thanksgiving break. It's going to be weird not spending all my time in the office next week, but the free time will be nice.

I cannot wait to go shopping on Black Friday. Sure, I will be getting up at 2 a.m. to wait in line, but it's worth it! And then I'm going to work. I am one crazy human being! Oh well.

Hope you like our turkey on the front of this weeks issue. I think it's adorable :) Samantha did a good job picking one.

So anyway, have a GREAT Thanksgiving and break. Until next time readers!

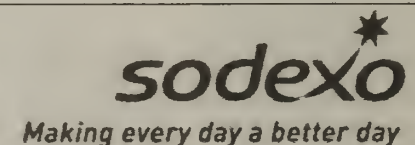
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Want to see what's for dinner tomorrow night in Dean Dining Hall?

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Popularity of rugby rising at Westfield State

By Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

Westfield State University is an institution with a proud athletic pedigree. It is also an institution full of open minded, free thinkers.

And in 2008, a crew of free thinkers chose to embark on a journey to Stanley Park, where they played a game only a few of them had ever played before.

They got together every few days to play, even organizing two scrimmages that spring. The game was rugby and these weekend warriors would become the Westfield State Black Squirrels.

Led by Charlie Bain and Greg Miller, this motley crew would grow through word of mouth and interest meetings to their current number of 30 men and women.

"There were a lot of growing pains," said junior wing Zach Graves, one of the original eight Black Squirrels. "But we are well on our way to becoming a prominent squad in our conference."



photo by Westfield State Rugby facebook group

Westfield State (left) and Western New England College locked in a scrum battle.

This past fall, WSU rugby was elevated to an official club sport, joining the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) and competing in the west division of Division IV against the likes of American International, Maine Maritime, the University of New England, Dartmouth College and Fitchburg State University.

In their inaugural season, the Squirrels would

register a 5-1 record, including pulling off a stunning upset win over Johnson State College in Johnson, VT in the first round of the NERFU playoffs last month.

"You know, to start where we did and to be where we are now, I mean, it's huge," Graves said.

He continued, "We started out with it being just myself, Brent Bell, Joe Boyle, Dave Hansen, Tommy Lesser,

Joe Phalan, Travis Sullivan and Jack Nealon and here we are today, winning our first ever playoff match after a 5-1 season.

"It's unreal, and I have to give a lot of credit to Coach for making us into what we are. We were not rugby players when we got here. We are now."

For those unfamiliar with the game of rugby, it is a physical contact sport in every sense of the word. There are 15

players on each side with eight on the scrum (similar to the line of scrimmage in football).

There are also three backs (a fly half, an inside center and an outside center) and two wings.

The major differences between rugby and American football is that in rugby there are no forward passes, a player can kick the ball at anytime and there are no blindside hits.

"It's basically a game of kill-the-man-with-the-ball," Graves said.

When asked about the team's prospects for next season, Graves smiled with anticipation. "It's going to be a different ball game," he said.

"We're losing four key guys, but we do keep Brent and Joe who are the captains of the backs and the pack."

When asked of his role for next season, Graves said, "My versatility is my biggest asset to the team. Whatever they need me to do, that's what I'm going to do."

And it's that attitude that defines this team. Like it or not, rugby has arrived at Westfield State University.

Westfield volleyball falls to NYU in NCAA tournament

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

After winning the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference for the second straight year, the Westfield State women's volleyball team advanced to the NCAA Division III tournament and was set to play the number one seed in their region, New York University.

Unfortunately for the Lady Owls, this strong season was put to end with when NYU swept them 3-0 in the first round

of the tournament last Saturday.

NYU, who now has a record of 36-5, had no problems dealing with this tough Owls team as they won their games 25-10, 25-9 and 25-18. The Owls finished their season with a record of 20-13.

NYU went on a strong run in the first set and led 13-2 at one point. In the second set, the Lady Owls played a strong game and at one point were only down by three. But then the NYU Violets went on a 12 to 1 run and put the game out of reach.

Though the first two

sets were no problem for NYU, in the third and final set of the match the Owls played an inspired set of volleyball and were able to take its first lead of the match at 13-11.

However, the Violets were not deterred from this and scored the next four points in the set and never looked back as they swept the Owls in the match.

Alex Shaw led Westfield with eight kills and Kerin DeGirolamo had a team-high 20 assists. Alyssa Stankowski added 10 digs for the Owls.

Though the season is over, these Lady Owls have nothing to hang their heads about.

Many of their players made strong contributions to the team and will be back to lead the Owls to another strong season next year.

The Owls will be losing two players to graduation this year, senior captains Rachel Ryan and Maura McLaughlin.

The Owls this year were able to place three First Team All-Conference selections

led by MASCAC Player of the Year Alex Shaw.

The junior outside hitter recorded 281 kills with a .270 hitting percentage, had 5 solo blocks and 53 block assists during the regular season.

Not to be outdone by Shaw were Ryan and DeGirolamo.

Ryan led the team with 321 kills and 53 services aces. DeGirolamo, a junior setter, recorded 941 assists this year with an average of 9.7 assists per game.

Patriots face injury plagued Colts on Sunday

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

Every NFL season teams are slowed down by nagging injuries and recurring pains.

Unfortunately, in some cases, team's seasons are completely altered by how healthy they stay throughout the course of the season.

The 2010-2011 Indianapolis Colts have been banged up more than I have seen in recent memory. Peyton Manning's entire receiving core is wiped out and the season is only past week ten.

Star tight end Dallas Clark is out for the season with a wrist injury and the backup tight end has also been out with back injuries and was barely able to walk after this past Sunday's win over the Bengals.

Key wide-receivers Austin Collie and Anthony Gonzalez are out for several weeks to come.

The Colts' running backs have also been plagued

with injuries to this point in the season.

Their top three backs have all been out for a hand full of games and they've been lucky to have at least one of them each week.

The speedy Indianapolis defense has also been hit with the injury bug, having to sit its top players for good portions of the season.

The leader of the Colts' secondary, Bob Sanders, is out for the season yet again after tearing his bicep tendons.

Gary Brackett, who's the heart of the Colts' line backing core, has also been slowed down by injuries this season.

Although the Colts have had many inopportune injuries during this season, Peyton Manning refuses to let the team lose.

This team has been perfect this season at home, protecting Lucas Oil Stadium with a record of 4-0.

The Colts three losses this season have all come on the road and have been games that came down to the last couple



Photo by gurugridiron.blogspot.com

Tom Brady and Peyton Manning will face off once again on Sunday.

possessions.

The Colts face a huge test this weekend as they travel to Gillette Stadium to face their rivals, the 7-2 New England Patriots.

The Patriots have also yet to lose at home in 2010 as their young defense has performed well in front of the home

fans in Foxboro.

The Colts will need some more key players to suit up this week if they want to upset the surging Patriots at home on Sunday.

The Colts have won five of the last six games between these two teams.

I don't think the banged

up Colts will have enough this Sunday against the Patriots in New England.

As seen in the Patriots' two losses, teams that run the ball well have a good chance at winning.

The Colts inability to open up their running game will result in a loss to New England.

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Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, November 21.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

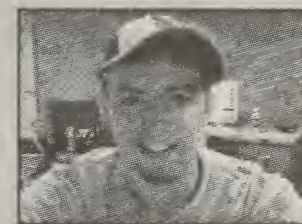
In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 11 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
Chicago vs. Miami	CHI	MIA	MIA	CHI	CHI
Detroit vs. Dallas	DAL	DET	DAL	DAL	DAL
Arizona vs. Kansas City	KC	KC	KC	KC	ARI
Green Bay vs. Minnesota	GB	MIN	GB	GB	GB
Baltimore vs. Carolina	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL
Cleveland vs. Jacksonville	JAC	JAC	JAC	CLE	CLE
Oakland vs. Pittsburgh	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
Buffalo vs. Cincinnati	CIN	BUF	CIN	CIN	CIN
Washington vs. Tennessee	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN
Houston vs. N.Y. Jets	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
Atlanta vs. St. Louis	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL
Tampa Bay vs. San Francisco	SF	TB	TB	TB	TB
Seattle vs. New Orleans	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Indianapolis vs. New England	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
N.Y. Giants vs. Philadelphia	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI
Denver vs. San Diego	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD
Season Record	89-55	84-44	79-65	78-66	76-68

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



What a week it was in the NFL.

The crazy year that the 2010 NFL season has been continued this past week with a slew of shocking upsets, wild finishes and ridiculous blowouts.

First off, Michael Vick is the best player in football today. Period.

It's currently halftime of the Eagles-Redskins Monday night game as I write this and I've never seen a single player dominate a half of football to the extent that Vick just obliterated the Redskins' defense.

Vick has 264 passing yards and 66 rushing yards to go along with five touchdowns in the first half. I'm speechless... well not literally. I actually have plenty to say about this game.

Vick is on his way to the MVP award and the Eagles may very well be on their way to the Super Bowl.

But how the hell can the Redskins' defense play so unbelievably atrocious against a division rival at home coming off of a bye week?

I'd fire the defense coordinator at halftime if I was Redskins' owner Daniel Snyder.

I'd like to personally thank Washington's entire defense for completely screwing me out of \$150 in a 40 person pick em' league.

It's a league where you pick against the spread and I headed into the Monday night game tie for the lead. Picking winners is a piece of cake compared to picking teams when spreads are involved. No joke, it's really hard.

Anyway, I just needed Washington to stay in the game and not give up so many freaking points and I could have had my first win of the season. With 40 people, it's extremely difficult to win a week and the tiebreakers are ridiculous.

I was so close... and

then Michael Vick came to town. That's all I can say about this game.

In other news, there were 13 other games this week and a bunch of crazy finishes.

Congratulations to my Buffalo Bills who finally got their first win of the season. It was about as ugly a win as you can have and it pretty much summed up the Bills' season.

They hung on for dear life to squeak by the banged up Detroit Lions 14-12. After leading 14-3 in the fourth quarter, the Bills allowed the Lions to march down the field and convert multiple fourth downs en route to a field goal and a touchdown.

It took Shaun Hill throwing a game tying two point conversion attempt out of the end zone for Buffalo to get the win. But hey, a win's a win I guess.

Buffalo safety Donte Whitner said the Bills will win all seven games remaining on their schedule and finish the season 8-8. The chance of that happening may be .0001% (that may be too high) but the way this season has been in the NFL, who knows. Crazier things have happened.

The Jaguars' win over the Texans on a last second Hail Mary attempt by David Garrard may be the play of the year so far.

Texans cornerback Glover Quin would have been better off just intercepting Garrard's pass rather than batting it down (hindsight's a b... well, you know the rest).

Quin batted it right into the chest of Jaguars' receiver Mike Thomas who stepped into the end zone for a game winning touchdown. What a finish.

The Bengals almost had an incredible finish of their own on Sunday against the Colts.

Trailing by 13 points with three minutes left, Bengals'

quarterback Carson Palmer hit Jermaine Gresham for a 19-yard touchdown to make it a six point game.

The Bengals then attempted and recovered an onside kick to get the ball back at the Colts' 40-yard line, needing just a touchdown to pull off the upset.

But on the Bengals' first offensive play, Gresham (who just scored the touchdown) fumbled the ball right back to the Colts after a six-yard catch, ending Cincinnati's hopes of a comeback.

A week in the NFL this season wouldn't be complete without an overtime game. The Jets and Browns took care of that for us.

Coming off a surprise win over the Patriots, Cleveland gave Rex Ryan and the Jets fits on both sides of the ball for four plus quarters.

Colt McCoy hit Mohamed Massaquoi for a game tying touchdown with 48 seconds left in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

It looked like the game was destined to end in a tie after

the teams traded punts and field position for the first 14 and half minutes of the extra period.

But with 24 seconds remaining in overtime, Mark Sanchez hit Santonio Holmes on a slant and Holmes sped right through the Browns' defense on his way to a 37-yard touchdown.

Damn I hate the Jets. My hat goes off to Cleveland for another outstanding effort. Colt McCoy looks like he could be playing on Sundays for a long time. I'd take him over second round pick Jimmy Clausen in a heartbeat at this point.

Speaking of Cleveland, Ohio native Troy Smith gave us a second overtime game last Sunday when he led the 49ers back from a 10 point fourth quarter deficit to force extra time against the Rams.

A field goal gave San Francisco its third win of the season and the 49ers are now 2-0 since Troy Smith took over the starting QB duties from Alex Smith.

Troy Smith has thrown for 552 yards and two touchdowns (no interceptions)

in the two wins and is reminding people across the league why he won a Heisman Trophy with Ohio State.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot to mention the Patriots win over Pittsburgh last Sunday. Tom Brady was fired up and New England played excellent on both sides of the ball.

The Patriots' offensive and defensive lines need to continue to play like they did on Sunday -- get pressure on opposing quarterbacks and keep Brady on his feet. That's the key.

The Pats have a big game on Sunday against the Colts and then face the Lions on Thanksgiving Day. Not many weekends beat Thanksgiving weekend for football fans and the Patriots playing on Thanksgiving Day just makes it even better.

Well I'm out of room folks but thanks for reading. I won't be back until after Thanksgiving so make your belt pop with some delicious food and enjoy some football next week. Happy Turkey Day everyone.



Upcoming WSU Home Games



Saturday, November 20

Women's Swimming vs. Smith College @ 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23

Women's Basketball vs. Mount Ida College @ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

Men's Basketball vs. Southern Vermont @ 7:00 p.m.



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Muddled NFL playoff picture starting to become clearer

By Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

In recent years, the NFL has been dominated by teams like the Saints, Colts and Patriots to name a few. These teams start the year perfect past week 10, and then drop a few games after the half way point. Not this season though.

Every team in the NFL right now has at least two losses and it has been difficult to see the path to the Super Bowl.

Call me arrogant, but I think I know a few teams we can expect to see in Dallas on that exciting first Sunday of February.

I'm going to start in the NFC because the AFC is so dominant that we know the AFC teams will be fighting until the end. The first team I think can make it to Super Bowl Sunday is the Philadelphia Eagles.

Now I'm an outspoken Eagles fan, but after Donovan McNabb, Brian Westbrook and Brian Dawkins left they have dropped to my second favorite team, so this isn't as biased as when I bring up the Patriots later.

Michael Vick (when healthy) is playing the best football of his career. He is making better judgments about when to take off out of the pocket and when to let his receivers make a play.

LeSean McCoy almost has fans asking "Westbrook who?" The receiving core is also very talented, featuring DeSean Jackson, Jeremy Ma-

clin and Jason Avant.

The defense for this team has always been solid and the Eagles have a shot to go deep into the playoffs.

I can see Green Bay making it to the big game as well. They very quietly beat the Jets and still have games left against the Pats, Giants, Falcons and Bears. This team has been consistent and is going to make a strong run at the Lombardi Trophy.

I also see the Falcons making a strong push to the playoffs. One of my only questions is whether or not Matt Ryan can take them there.

The Falcons are a strong team that has been winning some good football games. The only issues I see for them are that they still have games against the Saints, Buccaneers and Packers.

Two of those games are division games and neither team is more than a game out of knocking the Falcons out of first place.

On the other hand, the Saints and Packers have to go to the Georgia Dome to play Atlanta which is good news for the skilled Falcons team.

Lastly, the Giants and Saints both still have a chance to get to the big game although neither team has been playing their best football lately. Turnovers are killing the Giants, who gave up a big game against Dallas last Sunday.

The Saints just can't get everyone on the same page, but they do seem to be finding a

rhythm.

The Giants still have to play twice against the Eagles, on the road against the Packers and at home against the Jaguars.

The Saints have to play Baltimore, Atlanta and Tampa Bay in their final three games, and only the game against Tampa Bay will be played in New Orleans.

My playoff picture sends the Eagles, Packers, Falcons and Rams to the postseason as division winners and the Saints and Giants as the wild card teams.

Now to the AFC where the best teams in the league live. First off, the Patriots are always a Super Bowl contender in my book.

The Pats still have a few tough games against the Jets, Packers and Colts, but after Sunday night New England will hopefully have the momentum to knock Peyton off his thrown on Sunday, win a great game on Thanksgiving and then take it to the Jets and Packers. The end of the season will be tough, but 11-5 isn't too shabby.

I will remain in the AFC East and give some kudos to the Jets. Patriots' fans hate them, but we hate them because they are good.

The Patriots-Jets game two weeks from Sunday could be the division clincher. The Jets haven't won pretty games and they have lost to a few good teams, but they will definitely make a run at the Super Bowl. They still need to get passed the



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Michael Vick has the Eagles looking like strong Super Bowl contenders.

Pats, Steelers and Bears.

Pittsburgh has played very well up to this point. Minus the Patriots game, Big Ben has been dominant since his return and I see the Steelers picking it up for the final stretch and winning their division.

The Steelers only have two games they really should worry about and they are against the Jets and Ravens.

The Colt and Ravens will make a decent run for the Super Bowl as well, but I doubt they will make it over the three teams previously mentioned.

The Colts have looked sloppy and Baltimore is a team

that just can't make it through the playoffs (much like our Bruins in hockey, but I will leave that alone).

In the AFC I see the Patriots, Steelers, Colts and Chiefs winning their divisions and the Jets and Ravens earning wild card berths.

Why not just finish this off. I'll take the Patriots and Steelers in the AFC Championship game and the Eagles and Packers in the NFC.

I say Philadelphia and New England will meet in the Super Bowl once again, and I'll take the Patriots to win the Lombardi Trophy.

Your 2010-2011
Patriots
schedule



Game Date	Kickoff		Opponent	Station
Sun 11/21/2010	4:15 PM	vs	Colts	CBS / WBZ-TV
Thu 11/25/2010	12:30 PM	@	Lions	CBS / WBZ-TV
Mon 12/6/2010	8:30 PM	vs	Jets	ESPN / WCVB
Sun 12/12/2010	1:00 PM	@	Bears	CBS / WBZ-TV
Sun 12/19/2010	8:20 PM	vs	Packers	NBC / WHDH
Sun 12/26/2010	1:00 PM	@	Bills	CBS / WBZ-TV
Sun 1/2/2011	1:00 PM	vs	Dolphins	CBS / WBZ-TV

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You'd really benefit from a little time alone right now. This week should offer you the opportunity for a little self-examination, and you ought to end up making a few interesting discoveries in the process.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You'll definitely want to spend some time out socializing and enjoying yourself with a few of your friends this week.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You ought to be prepared to deal with some unexpected developments where your financial situation is concerned. Just don't let yourself get too thrown off by any surprises.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
You'll be eager to shake up some old routines in order to create a greater sense of freedom and independence for yourself. And you ought to be ready to make a few fresh starts in a variety of different areas.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
If someone you know says something a little surprising to you, you could find it rather upsetting and a bit hard to understand. And some difficult issues may end up having to be ironed out before the end of the week.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Don't hesitate to seize any opportunities to get out and socialize this week. You should end up meeting some interesting new people who could really help you shake things up a bit. And don't be afraid to go ahead and break a few rules.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You should be giving some thought to making a few changes where your professional life is concerned. You'll be growing a little weary of the same old routine and ought to be ready for a few new experiences.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Try to remain flexible and open-minded, and lots of new ideas should come to you that may completely change your perspective on many things.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You ought to be able to come to terms with something that's been holding you back for some time, and you should finally be ready to start moving forward again. Added sources of income should soon be coming your way as well.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Some important and enlightening conversations should be occurring. Some of these encounters will seem a little upsetting at first. But just realize that it's something that really needs to happen.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
If you feel like your life has fallen into a bit of a dull routine lately, you should start giving a little thought to looking into some new job opportunities for yourself.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You'll really want to have a good time and you should be eager to find some new and exciting ways of enjoying yourself. You should come up with some great, original ideas.

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You are what you wear, therefore here are some tips to make sure you always look top-notch when going to an interview:

What To Wear: Women (most professional to most casual)

Two-piece matching skirted suit (knee length)
Two-piece matching pantsuit
Skirt with blouse top/jacket
Business dress with jacket
Slacks with blouse/top and jacket
Business dress with or without sweater
Skirt and blouse or sweater set
Slacks with blouse or sweater set
Slacks with sweater
Casual pants with casual shirt or sweater

What Not To Wear

Low-cut tops and bottoms
Miniskirts and skirts that fall above the knee
Ripped clothing
Sweats and terrycloth
Printed T-shirts and sweatshirts
Spandex and other tight clothing
Baggy, extremely loose-fitting tops and pants
Shorts
Sleeveless tops
Sandals and sneakers
Sleepwear, loungewear, or swimwear
Jeans
Hats, caps, and visors

What To Wear: Men (most professional to most casual)

Two-piece matching suit, shirt, and tie
Slacks with shirt, tie, and blazer
Slacks with shirt, tie, and sport coat
Slacks with shirt and tie
Slacks with shirt, tie, and sweater
Slacks, shirt, and sport coat
Slacks with sweater
Casual pants with sweater
Casual pants with long-sleeved shirt
Casual pants with short-sleeved shirt

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Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:30a.m.-8:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-11:00p.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m.-11:00p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Dunkin' Donuts

Monday-Thursday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.
Friday 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 10:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Quixotes

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.
Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Pandini's

Everyday 11:00 a.m.- 12:00a.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.
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Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

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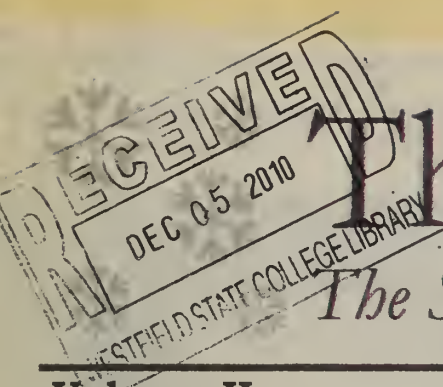
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Seniors complete their final fall semester at WSU

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Many seniors recently signed up for classes for the last semester here at Westfield State University and experienced a variety of emotions and thoughts.

A few students found it difficult to wake up at 7am to register.

Dan Sweatland explained that he "woke up, typed five classes in and got them all. It was the second time I ever got all my classes and the other time was in Ireland when they picked my classes a week before registration."

When asked how he feels about heading into his last semester here at school, Sweatland said, "I don't want it to end but it kind of has to. I hope to pass all of my classes."

Many seniors find it strange that after next semester, undergraduate studies are finished.

Students will receive their grades for next semester, and then will walk from one side of the stage, the side of studying, sports, and clubs and then walk across that stage down the stairs and onto the side of the real world.

These last three and a half years have made a great impact on



Photo courtesy of Rob McGinnity.

Senior Robert McGinnity (top) and his "gang" (below) strike a pose to make a memory before they leave WSU at the end of spring.

the lives of many seniors.

Some seniors have made huge transitions from high school, become better people, and made great friends at Westfield State and in other places studying abroad.

After next semester, seniors might feel strange without seeing the people they have been friends with during the past

four years in clubs, in residence buildings, on sports team, in classes, or in passing at the DC.

Jon Cotter, a senior Criminal Justice major, had some additional thoughts.

"It's kind of surreal that we won't be doing it again. We will have to be looking for jobs instead of worrying about

what we will be taking next semester. Time here has flown by.

"I want to earn money, get a house and live on my own," Cotter explained."

Liam Whalen, a senior Communication major, said he is glad that he won't have to wake up at 7am again.

"I don't think it's going to set it until I get back here next semester," Whalen said.

He explained that he is not looking forward to the real world but he wants to make some money and do something he will enjoy.

He added, "It's going to be weird not seeing the same people every day. I will miss the freedom of college and I will miss hockey.

"I don't think I'm ever going to be ready for the real world until I'm actually in it, but at the same time I feel like I'm ready to take it on."

Many seniors have been busy this semester and have not taken the time to reflect and realize that this is near the end of the chapter here at Westfield State.

So, to all underclassmen: be thankful for every time you have to wake up at 7am to register for classes because it means you still have another semester of college life at Westfield State University.

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Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Quick Hits

Friday, Dec. 3

10:00a.m. - Amahl and
The Night Visitors,
Scool Matinee
Dever Stage/Hall

8:00p.m. - Are You
Smarter Than a
Freshman Game Show
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Dec. 4

8:30p.m. - MOVIE:
Eat, Pray, Love
Free Food
Ely Main Lounge

10:00p.m. - The
Hollywood Premiere
Party
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, Dec. 5

8:30p.m. - MOVIE:
Eat, Pray, Love
Free Food
Ely Main Lounge

The Angry Liberal: Obama to win in 2012

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

As if there isn't enough to worry about in the political arena with an impending Republican takeover of the House, troubling economic issues, and backlash in the repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell," news of potential candidates for 2012 is cause for a headache.

First of all, Sarah Palin refuses to move out of politics and is promoting her newest book in states like Iowa and South Carolina, which are both early primary states.

This governor-turned vice presidential candidate-turned reality TV star has not formally declared a presidential bid in 2012, but has proclaimed that she would beat President Obama if she ran.

Palin did admit, however, that "if I get in the way of that cause, I don't need a title, I don't need a position, I don't need to run for office in order to affect positive change."

She said it herself: she doesn't need to run for office. Maybe she should listen to herself, or peers from her own party.

Former Republican congressman from Florida and current news host, Joe Scarborough, said that "Republicans have a problem. The most-talked-about figure in the GOP is a reality show star who cannot be

elected."

That raises the question: which candidate from the Republican Party can get elected? Can Mike Huckabee? Newt Gingrich? Mitt Romney?

All three of these potential candidates are seriously considering a presidential run but have not formally announced yet and will not until early next year.

The Republican Party needs a strong candidate, but that person does not seem to have materialized yet.

Palin may be a favorite for some, but she lacks the support, even within her own party, to beat incumbent Obama in 2012. In a hypothetical national poll, Obama beat Palin but even that is just a poll and it is coming almost two years before the election.

Either way, she is too extreme to reach the moderate voters she needs to win.

Obama has said he doesn't even think about Palin but he is facing some daunting federal issues, most of which he inherited from the previous administration.

Obama is blamed for the wars (which he didn't start), blamed for the economy (which he inherited), and blamed for the healthcare bill (which would never be signed without Congress to vote on it).

People complain about Obama's lack of definitive action. They should check

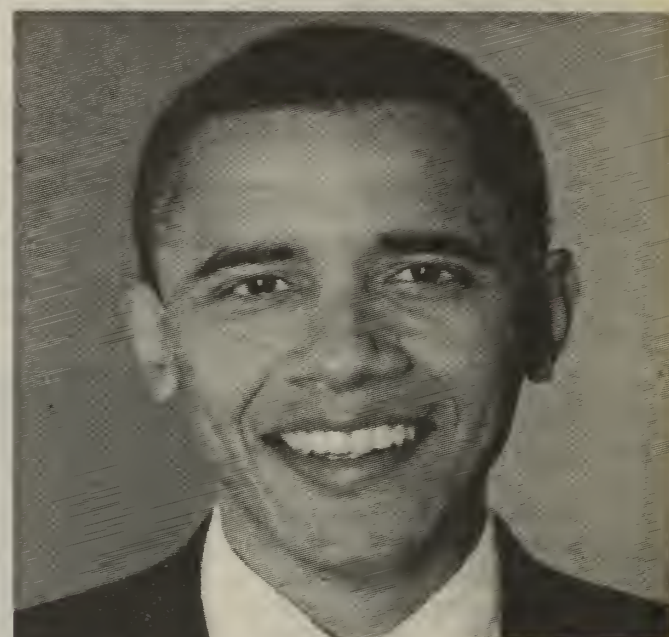


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Most democrats believe that Barack Obama will pull through in the 2012 election.

out a website that explains what Obama has done in the time he has been in office, which is less than two years.

The website URL contains an expletive so it cannot be included here, but typing in "what has Obama done" into a search engine like Google will bring up the site.

Obama has made a difference and surprisingly so, with such a lack of bipartisan support. Obama will beat the Republican candidate in 2012 if he shows the American people what he has accomplished and if

he can keep Democratic support.

So far, a challenger for his seat from his own party has not surfaced. Hillary Clinton, currently the Secretary of State, has expressed no interest in a 2012 presidential run and has even stated that she will not run.

Obama will make it in 2012 but it will not be an easy win. He will win, though, and despite what people think, there is no way that a fanatical, reality TV star is going to be the first female president of the United States.

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The Proud Conservative

By Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

For those of you out there who believe in the Mayan legends that in the year 2012, we will see the end of the world as we know it, you might as well stop reading now, because you might have some more pressing challenges awaiting you.

But for the rest of you, keep reading, as we are awaiting the 2012 Presidential elections (as if we haven't had enough of these elections by now).

Many big question marks are hanging on the horizon, such as will "The Obamination Administration" get re-elected? Or will, in fact, the Democrats lose the White House entirely? In order to fully make an educated decision on this, let us take a look at the candidates most likely to campaign in 2012.

On the Republican side, the most probable candidates at this time include: former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who topped a recent Gallup poll with a 76% favorable rating, followed by former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal.

From this group, you can eliminate Jindal for lack of experience/name recognition, Gingrich, although unfairly demonized by the liberals for years, is past his prime years and doesn't seem to really want to run, and Huckabee, who seems at times like he would be a breath of fresh air to the position, and then seems confused and unmotivated the next. That leaves us with Sarah Palin and Mitt Romney.

Although Palin is starting to lose support, she could still be a viable contender. Mitt Romney, criticized at times for appearing too business-like (and some call him too polished)



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Mitt Romney and Sarah Palin are only two of the possible Republican contenders for the 2012 presidential election.

grew up having a father who was a governor of Michigan.

He's been around politics his entire life. He is a shrewd business man who knows better than most how to run a corporation, or for that matter the United States, which is the biggest of corporations.

He is outspoken, and tough. Some say, Teflon tough, not unlike a certain Ronald Reagan. He can back up his talk with more than just rhetoric.

Then there is Sarah Palin, who definitely knows how it feels to be unfairly demonized for every breath she takes.

When Palin was first tabbed by John McCain to be his running mate in 2008, the liberals were so caught off guard and scared out of their wits by this virtually unknown upstart from the wilds of Alaska, they employed every maneuver they could think of to dig up dirt on her.

The Dem's big claim to fame was a spot on impression of her by Tina Fey, of Saturday Night Live fame, which continues to be their main source of ammo.

On the Democratic side it boils down to this: President Obama and Hillary Clinton.

In 2008, Hillary scared the bejeezus out of everybody, including fellow Democrats.

After hearing her fiery rhetoric, I actually felt sorry for Bill... (Don't quote me, I'll deny it). She was out to take no prisoners, sweep out opposition, burn down the mission, etc.

Personally, I think she was so mad at Bill for his years of screwing around; she was ready to take it out on America.

Obama named her to Secretary of State to rein her in, getting her trust that she would allow him to run for re-election in 2012. She has basically changed her mind (no surprise there) and looks like a contender in 2012.

She will beat Obama this time, seeing as his win in 2008 was basically a novelty of change that didn't work out.

Hillary still has her own party members scared, but they will count on her maniacal toughness to retain the democratic White House.

I see Romney beating out Hillary for President. Just like Reagan in 1980, Mitt Romney's election will lead America out of a very weak and inexperienced presidency. That's my picks...Let's wait and see what happens.

Student Spotlight



Name: Chris Wilson

Hometown: Reading, MA

Major: Criminal Justice/Liberal Studies

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

Work in Federal Law Enforcement.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

Brad Paisley--Water

If you had the chance to invite any person over for dinner, who would it be and what would you talk about?

I would invite Bill Clinton and we'd talk about Barack Obama

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

Socialize with pretty much everyone all around campus.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Through my experience with an internship at National Sheriffs' Association in Alexandria Virginia. This was all part of my educational experience here at W.S.U.

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

Noble Hospital connected to WSU students



Photo by noblehospital.org

Noble Hospital, right up the street from WSU, has great relations with the university and the students.

By Samantha Fahey Editor-in-Chief

Noble Hospital is the closest hospital to Westfield State and has treated numerous students there.

It's located almost right down the street from the campus at 115 West Silver Street and houses almost 30,000 patients per year.

The hospital recently received money from the state and used it to repaint the walls and get flat screen televisions in every room to make the hospital experience as comfortable and calming as possible for the patients.

The main emergency room is about 1,000 square feet and the urgent care unit is around 3,000 square feet.

Doctor Stan Strzempko has been with Noble Hospital for sixteen years.

"The biggest dissatisfier for emergency patients is waiting time," Dr.

Strzempko said. "We have the best waiting times in the valley."

The "door-to-door" time, or the amount of time patients spend in the hospital from the time they walk in the door to the time they leave, is on average, three hours.

This includes everything from heart attack patients to people who come in to the hospital with abdomen pain.

Some specific services are provided by the state, which means that the time it takes state employees to get to the hospital lowers the hospital's numbers, and it's "completely out of our hands," Dr. Strzempko said.

If these certain circumstances are left out, the door-to-door time is only about an hour.

"You don't wait a long time here. We have numbers to prove it," Dr. Strzempko said. "Our turn around times are

good and we're proud of that."

There is even a staff who takes care of just the people who aren't emergency patients, which contributes to the decrease in wait time.

The hospital has had a relatively long track record with the school.

"We value our relationship with Westfield State and the ties go deeper than most students know," Dr. Strzempko said.

The Department of Residential Life, the Dean of Students, and the hospital meet once a year.

"We really value our relationship with Westfield State," Dr. Strzempko said. "It's a joy and a pleasure to take care of Westfield State students."

"We treat kids who drink too much, and we're happy to help out."

Dr. Strzempko said, "We're here for you 24/7 right down the road."

Editor's Desk



Hola amigos and amigas!

This is the final issue of the semester! Yay! I'm so excited for Christmas, it's not even funny.

So on Tuesday night, while we were in the office working on the paper (obviously), Professor Paulmann came in and brought us pizza!! He had to go pick it up and he even brought us soda. How wonderful is he??

We can't thank you enough, Professor!!!

We hope you all have enjoyed the paper this semester. In the spring, we hope to get a lot more people on staff, so if you're interested, just let us know!!

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY BREAK, ALL!!

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A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Holiday Songs

1. Mariah Carey - All I Want for Christmas is You
2. Trans-Siberian Orchestra - Christmas/Sarajevo
3. Glee Cast - O Holy Night
4. Bobby Helms - Jingle Bell Rock
5. Glee Cast - Baby, It's Cold Outside
6. Trans-Siberian Orchestra - Christmas Canon
7. Brenda Lee - Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
8. Andy Williams - It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
9. Glee Cast - Last Christmas
10. Jose Feliciano - Feliz Navidad

Top 10 Holiday Movies

1. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)
2. Santa Claus is Comin' to Town (1970)
3. A Christmas Carol (1908 and many remakes)
4. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)
5. A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)
6. It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
7. Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
8. The Year Without a Santa Claus (1974)
9. Little Women (1994)
10. A Christmas Story (1983)



Bob Dylan going strong at 69

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On October 19, 2010, I got to fulfill one of my lifelong goals: to see Bob Dylan in concert. I didn't have to go far to see him; he played this concert at the Mullins Center at UMASS Amherst. My good friend Adam Forziati got us floor seats, so it was an even more spectacular experience than I could have imagined. There was no opening act, so Bob Dylan came onstage a little after 8:00 pm.

He started off the show with "Gonna Change My Way Of Thinking" and "Shooting Star." During both of these songs, his voice was a little rough.

After "Shooting Star", however, his voice warmed up and he launched into a rocking, soulful rendition of one of my favorite Bob Dylan songs, "Stuck Inside of Mobile with the Memphis Blues Again." He changed it just enough so to keep it fresh sounding, but still kept the raw emotion from the original cut. He slowed it down with "Spirit On The Water", but turned it back up with a rocking rendition of "Rollin'

and Tumblin'." Bob played an amazing piano solo on that one.

After that, he played another one of my favorite songs, "Tangled Up In Blue." He slowed it down, but added raw power due to his rougher voice.

Later on in the show, he played "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall", one of my favorites as well. Barely anyone sat down during the entire two hour set. "Highway 61 Revisited" was played next. Before the two encores, he played "Ballad of a Thin Man." Seeing him stand up there and menacingly belt out one of my favorite songs of all time was unbelievable. Tears came to my eyes. I just couldn't believe what I was experiencing.

For the last song of the show, he played "Like A Rolling Stone"- a crowd favorite. After the show, Adam and I felt like we didn't actually see him in concert, but we did. It was a surreal and powerful experience.

If you ever get the chance to see Bob Dylan in concert, I suggest you take the opportunity. It will be an experience you will never forget.

By Wilson Belbin
Voice Reporter

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 is an emotional, entertaining and gripping experience.

Splitting the last film into two parts is one of the best decisions made about it. It gives a chance for screenwriter Steve Kloves and director David Yates to sharpen their focus on the three main characters: Hermione Granger played by Emma Watson, Ron Weasley played by Rupert Grint, and of

course Harry Potter played by Daniel Radcliffe.

The three sell all the film's strongest moments, putting in their best performances of the franchise.

Thanks to David Yates, every single scene is filled with emotional dread. Every single scene fans were waiting to see was perfectly executed and beautiful to look at. This is due to cinematographer Eduardo Serra, who manages to make every shot look like a piece of art.

You could say people not familiar with Harry

Editor's Desk



It's December. WHAT!?! Already!?! Time seriously flies so fast. So fast, in fact, that this is the last issue of the semester :(I have so much to do so it's good we get to focus on just school work, but man we've never missed a week!

Anywho, my Thanksgiving was great. Aside from my uncle's dog that almost bit my brothers butt off, it was awesome. I ate so much pumpkin pie and stuffing (not together, don't worry). Everything they make is just so delicious and I couldn't stop! But that's what the holidays are about... eating and family. Then there was Black Friday. Me. Mom. 2AM. Target. That is all I have to say about that.

Enjoy your holiday break everyone!! And good luck with all your finals!

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The beginning of the end: Harry Potter 7 review

Potter would get confused by what is going on because many things are not explained or introduced properly. This is slightly resolved thanks to flashbacks; and the looks into Voldemort's mind give us some of the proper exposition needed to introduce the plot.

The efficient pace of the film takes out some of the small moments that wrapped up subplots, but that is just nitpicking by a diehard fan. Most casual fans would not even notice these small details and just enjoy the gripping emotional adventure.

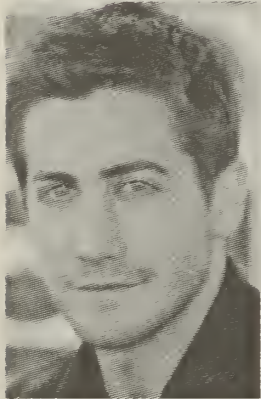
The supporting cast is stellar as always, with standouts like Helen Bonham Carter playing the creepy and menacing Bellatrix to perfection. Toby Jones returning as Dobby makes you fall back in love with the character in just a few moments of pure delight.

David Yates is able to capture the real spirit of the first half of the book with emotion heading towards an epic finale. With everyone working on this film giving it his or her best, we are delivered the most thrilling and emotional Harry Potter film to date.

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahy

Jake Gyllenhaal – Born December 19, 1980

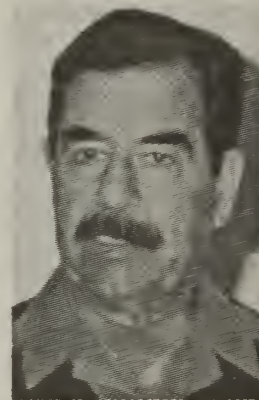


Gyllenhaal was born in Los Angeles, California and raised within the Jewish faith. His parents

held his Bar Mitzvah in a homeless shelter, to teach him gratitude and to show him what a privileged lifestyle he had. His parents were strict and insisted that he support himself by getting a summer job, so he worked as a both a lifeguard and a busboy. When he was eleven years old he made his film debut playing Billy Crystal's son in the

movie *City Slickers*. He was offered a role in 1992's *Mighty Ducks* but his parents wouldn't allow him to take it because he would live away from home for two months. Since then he has appeared in films such as *Brokeback Mountain* and *Donnie Darko*, in which he played the onscreen brother of his real-life sister Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Saddam Hussein – Died December 30, 2006



Hussein was born near the Iraqi town of Tikrit. His father left them when he was a baby and shortly af-

ter his thirteen year old brother died of cancer. When his mother remarried, his stepfather treated him cruelly. He ran away from home when he was only ten years old to live with his uncle. Later in life, he attended an Iraqi law school but dropped out at the age of twenty to join the revolution. During the 1980 Iran-Iraq War and the Persian Gulf War in 1991, Hussein had to smother attempts to overthrow the government. In 2003, the Bush administration found out that Hussein was linked to terrorist organizations and weapons of mass destruction and was soon captured by U.S. forces to be brought to trial. On December 30, 2006 Hussein was announced dead by hanging.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Greed, Beatings, and Suicide

The Life & Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby Play Review

By Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Recently, the Student Theater Association performed Charles Dickens' *The Life & Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby*.

I was floored by the amount of talent and effort put into the show.

The play focused less on Nicholas Nickleby, played by Brian Scannell, and more on the sinister and cunning Ralph Nickleby, played with aplomb by Richard Varela.

The Nickleby's, including Nicholas, Kate, and their mother, seek help from Nicholas and Kate's uncle Ralph after their father dies.

Ralph gets Nicholas a job at Dotheby's Hall, a school for girls, run by the creepy and brutal Wackford Squeers, played by Matt Harrington.

Ralph gets Kate a job at Madame Mantalini's Shop as a milliner.

Neither Kate nor Nicholas is happy at their place of employment.

Squeers has an assistant called Smike, a slow, crippled boy who is played by Robert Van Wart.

At one point, Squeers is going to assault Smike, but Nicholas saves him. The trouble starts when Nicholas and Smike run away.

The setting was perfectly gloomy and fit

the times of the play very nicely. The play took place in New York City, 1865. The stage was eerily lit, with torn sheets cascading over the audience's heads.

The costumes fit the times perfectly, with girls in fancy dresses and men in suits and top hats.

The pivotal moment of the play is when Ralph finds out that Smike was his son. After finding this out, Ralph has a breakdown, and at the end of the play, hangs himself.

This review cannot do this fabulous play justice, and I certainly hope that you got a chance to see it. If not, I urge you to go to the next play that the STA performs.

10 Job-Search Mistakes of New College Grads

Courtesy of Career Services

By Charles Purdy, Yahoo! HotJobs

Although this year's college graduates are facing a tough job market, they have an advantage over other job seekers: they are among the age group most likely to be hired in coming months.

But no matter how well positioned these young people are, they--and all job seekers--will have a better chance of success if they avoid these common job-hunting mistakes of new college grads:

1. Not being proactive enough
2. Relying solely on the Internet
3. Not creating wide networks
4. Not creating customized resumes
5. Misusing the Internet
6. Failing to follow up
7. Setting expectations too high
8. Appearing unprofessional
9. Not taking the job interview seriously
10. Not using the college's career office

Westfield student living out dream with Falcons

By Matt Jordin
Voice Reporter

A student at Westfield State is living out his dream working for the media division of an NFL organization. Matt LaPan is currently working for the Atlanta Falcons.

The reason I interviewed Matt is because he is also living my dream of taking his knowledge he received as a communication major to the NFL to work in the department of media.

When I asked him what his exact job was he said, "I am currently working in new media, more specifically video services."

This entails filming interviews, community events and other various shoots, editing video and getting it ready for the website, and posting videos to the website, and also breaking down game film and putting highlights on our server.

"On game day I get pre-game fan video, help moderate with our game day fan chat, and then get post game interviews in the locker room."

We talked about some small details of the job, some pros and cons, and how Matt felt overall about his job.

To sum it all up Matt said, "It is a dream come true to work in the NFL."

"I have always seen the Falcons as my number two team so it is amazing to work for them. I would 100% recommend this to anyone."

As for the pros, he said that it is a great experience and he is learning what he does and does not want to do, and for cons he said that there are a lot of long days and there is no room for error.

We took some time to talk about the football team and the amount of interaction he has had with the players and how they feel about their own media people opposed to ESPN and the other networks.

"The players are great when it comes to media. We have open locker room four times a week and on game day, so they get used to seeing the same people 99% of the time."

"As opposed to guys from ESPN or NFL network, I think it is to my advantage that I am in the locker room every day because I think we can get more candid comments and a better reaction since they know who we are."

"It is really interesting though because I could never imagine having

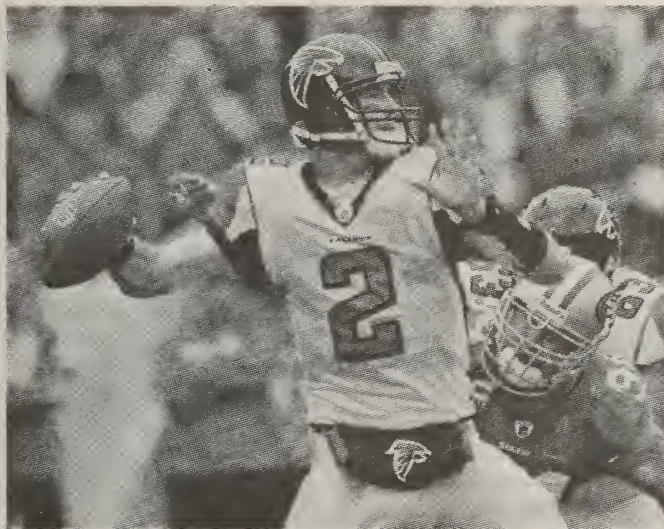


Photo by fantasyfootballtrader.com

Westfield State student Matt LaPan has met quarterback Matt Ryan while working for the Falcons.

all these people (after Sundays game there was about 45 media members in the locker room plus cameramen) asking me questions and filming me while I am changing."

We also talked about his relationship with Matt Ryan, the star quarterback of the Falcons. I asked him if they talk since they both are from Massachusetts colleges.

"I get to talk every now and then with Matt," LaPan said. "Honestly though, being part of video services is more a job where you are behind the camera."

"You can make a good relationship with the players but with most of the bigger names it is just a 'hey how are you.'"

"I have talked with

[Ryan] about Boston College because we do a college football pick 'em league but outside of that the relationship I have with most of the guys is professional, not a personal relationship."

The Falcons are 19-1 at home in the Matt Ryan era and this season they are 9-2, tied for the best record in the NFL with the Patriots and Jets.

"Both the team and the organization are excited but the feeling around the whole facility is that we have not played our best football," LaPan said.

"And people were excited about the win against the Packers but again the overwhelming comment from players is we can play better."

One very exciting thing for Matt is that if the Falcons make the Super Bowl, he will get to travel with the team and participate in media day.

Matt is experiencing the chance of a lifetime working in the NFL for his favorite team away from home.

Matt is showing everyone what you can do through the WSU internship program and what you can do when you graduate.

Chase your dream and eventually you will catch it.

Celtics make Raptors look extinct in home victory

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

The Boston Celtics came out firing on all cylinders last Friday night against the Toronto Raptors and improved to 12-4 on the season with a 110-101 victory.

Boston jumped out to an early 31-20 lead in the first quarter as the ball movement and chemistry was on point which made for very exciting basketball.

Rajon Rondo played after missing the previous three games with a strained hamstring.

He was the floor

general and had eight assists in the first quarter alone, finishing with 14 on the night.

The Raptors had a big second quarter and the score at halftime was 58-52, Celtics on top.

To add to the back and forth nature of the game, Boston played well in the third quarter as they scored 28 while holding Toronto to only 15 points.

The Raptors made a last quarter push but the Celtics hung on to pull out the win 110-101.

The Celtics fed the ball down low with a 64-44 points in the paint advantage.

Kevin Garnett looked like his old self as it seemed

like he could score down low at will.

"Kevin's energy tonight was off the charts, and you knew it would be, if you know Kevin, because the last time we played them the guy in his position had a pretty good game," Boston coach Doc Rivers said in his postgame press conference.

"That's just Kevin Garnett."

Doc was right and it was very obvious while watching the game that "KG" had something to prove and ended up scoring 26 points with 11 rebounds.

Ray Allen had a good shooting night finishing with



Photo by blogs.suntimes.com

Kevin Garnett has been on fire for the Celtics.

17 points and Shaq almost had a double-double with 16 points and 9 rebounds.

Paul Pierce added 18 points while getting to the foul

line eight times and "Big Baby" Davis contributed largely in the fourth quarter with 10 of his 18 points coming in the final period.

Men's basketball team relying on youth early in season

By Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Coming into this week's set of games, Westfield State's men's basketball team held a 2-1 record.

Coming off an impressive 84-65 victory over City Tech on November 20, the Owls returned to action on Tuesday as they faced Southern Vermont in the home opener for the team.

Southern Vermont was coming into this game after playing an epic seven-overtime game against Skidmore College.

The Mountaineers (4-2) were able to get the better of Westfield (2-2) and spoiled the Owls' home opener with an 80-62 victory.

Westfield struggled shooting on the night and made only 33 percent of its field goal attempts.

Southern Vermont had a seven point lead at half-

time and was able to put the Owls away in the second half with strong defense and solid interior scoring.

Center Matt Devine led the Owls with a 12 point, 17 rebound double-double while Lee Vazquez and Chris Jurkowski each added 14 points in the loss.

The Owls were able to defeat City Tech in the consolation game of the Rutgers Newark Tournament two weeks ago, as freshman guard Andrew Morgan had a team high 18 points, eight boards and four assists for the Owls.

Twelve players out of the 15 players on the Owls' roster were able to put their name in the score sheet as Westfield had little difficulty with City Tech and had a 39-15 lead late in the first half.

Lee Vazquez tallied 15 points and Marcellus Lee added 11 points, while big men Chris Jurkowski and Matt Devine scored 10 and 9 points respectively.



photo by David Harris-Fried

Lee Vazquez scored 14 points for Westfield versus Southern Vermont.

Though Coach Sutter's group only has a couple of games under their belt, the young team seems to be meshing well together.

With 6 foot 7 inch center Devine averaging a double double in points in rebounds so far, the Owls look

to have a strong year.

Helping Devine in the scoring department is sophomore guard Lee Vazquez who is averaging around 16 points per game so far this season.

Vazquez must play a big role this season and improve his three-point shoot-

ing if the Owls want to compete in the tough MASCAC conference.

The Owls were picked to finish third in the preseason conference poll with Bridgewater State predicted to finish first in the conference.

BEAT THE STAFF

If you think you have what it takes to beat the Voice Sports' Staff's NFL picks, send your winning picks for Week 13 to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Whoever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice.

All picks must be received by 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, December 5.

It's easy to play, just email the names of the teams that you think will win each of this week's NFL matchups (the same person can only win two times for the season).

In the event of a tie, the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received will be the winner. Good luck!

Week 13 Games	Rob Donoghue	Cody Goldman	Matt Jardin	Steve Kligerman	Tyler Morissette
Houston vs. Philadelphia	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI
Chicago vs. Detroit	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI
New Orleans vs. Cincinnati	NO	NO	NO	NO	CIN
Jacksonville vs. Tennessee	TEN	JAC	JAC	JAC	TEN
Washington vs. N.Y. Giants	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	WAS
Buffalo vs. Minnesota	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
San Francisco vs. Green Bay	GB	GB	GB	GB	GB
Denver vs. Kansas City	KC	KC	KC	KC	KC
Cleveland vs. Miami	MIA	CLE	CLE	CLE	MIA
Oakland vs. San Diego	SD	SD	SD	SD	SD
Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay	ATL	TB	ATL	ATL	ATL
St. Louis vs. Arizona	STL	STL	STL	STL	ARI
Carolina vs. Seattle	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA
Dallas vs. Indianapolis	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore	BAL	BAL	PIT	BAL	BAL
N.Y. Jets vs. New England	NE	NYJ	NE	NE	NYJ
Season Record	102-58	96-48	92-68	90-70	89-71

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



For fans of football and food, no holiday beats Thanksgiving.

Two of my greatest loves in life are fused together into one of the best days of the year.

It's the perfect American holiday, celebrating our love of over eating and indulging in four times as much food as we should really be eating along with our love for the hard-hitting sport of American football.

Thanksgiving is all about the three F's: food, family and football. But nothing can beat the tradition of football on Thanksgiving.

From local high school rivalries that bring entire communities together to annual games in college football and the NFL, Thanksgiving weekend is the best football weekend of the entire year (outside of Super Bowl Sunday of course).

The Patriots made this year's Thanksgiving especially enjoyable by delivering a big win over the Detroit Lions. Things weren't exactly pretty to start the game as the Patriots found themselves down 14-3 late in the second quarter.

But an outstanding second half from Tom Brady, two rushing touchdowns by BenJarvus Green-Ellis and two interceptions by rookie Devin McCourty helped New England overcome their slow start to defeat the Lions 45-24.

Watching the Pats play in their throwback red jerseys helped to make the game that much more special.

New England will face a huge test this week when they face their rival New York Jets at home on Monday night.

The two teams sit atop the NFL standings with

records of 9-2 and the game will have huge implications on seeding and home field advantage for the playoffs.

The Patriots are seeking to avenge their week two loss to the Jets and take control of the AFC East. But this is a different Patriots team than the team that lost in New York back in September – and not just for the obvious reason that Darrelle Revis won't be covering Randy Moss.

The Patriots offensive philosophy has changed. They're running the ball more effectively and utilizing the short passing game to perfection like they did when they won three Super Bowls over a four year period.

Bill Belichick's defense has also improved as the season has progressed. The Pats' defensive front seven has still struggled getting pressure on the quarterback but they've done a much better job stopping the run.

McCourty has been huge at cornerback for New England. He's filled in for an injured Leigh Bodden as the number one cornerback and has done an excellent job shutting down opposing teams' top receivers.

The rest of their pass defense is still a problem thought. If the Pats could find someone to play cornerback opposite of McCourty, their entire defense would be a heck of a lot better.

Darius Butler can't seem to get on the field and Kyle Arrington is flat out atrocious in coverage. Starting safeties Brandon Merriweather and Patrick Chung are hard hitters with a knack for coming up with turnovers, but their pass coverage has been skeptical throughout the year.

Pressuring the quarterback would go a long way in helping out New England's secondary. The defense will need to come up with a big game against New York on Monday and continue to progress heading into the playoffs.

Speaking of the playoffs, this will be the last column I write before the NFL postseason begins. With the semester ending and the stress of finals and essays coming into full swing, this will be the last edition of the Voice until spring semester begins.

By the time that rolls around, I hope to be writing about the Patriots making a run at the Super Bowl. One team I certainly won't be writing about is the Buffalo Bills.

I'm tired of writing about the Bills losing last second, heart-wrenching games so I'm not going to spend too much time talking about Buffalo's third overtime loss of the season.

The Bills play hard and are a much better team than their 2-9 record shows... but I'm not going to sit here and make excuses for why they have one of the league's worst records instead of being the 6-5

team that they easily could be.

All I know is that I feel awful for wide receiver Stevie Johnson. Johnson has had a breakout year for the Bills and could be on his way to the Pro Bowl. But his overtime drop of a sure touchdown pass may haunt him for the rest of this season, if not his career.

Overcoming a drop like that is mentally tough on any receiver, but it's especially tough for a young one. Seeing how Johnson plays over the next few weeks will tell a lot about the type of player that he really is.

Before I end, I have to mention a few things about college football.

First, Boise State losing to Nevada on Thanksgiving night was the only damper on my entire holiday weekend – but it was a rough one. I love Boise State and seeing their chances at the National Championship game, or any BCS bowl for that matter, go down the drain because of a three-point loss just plain sucks.

Second, I have to give a shoutout to one of my favorite college teams in the country, Syracuse, for becoming bowl eligible for the first time

since 2004 despite losing their last two games. The Orange play hard on defense and have to great running backs and watching them play in a bowl game this winter will be a lot of fun.

Third and finally, the game I'm most interested in this weekend is between Washington and Washington State. Jake Locker, my favorite player in college football, has been banged up this year and had a tough season.

But by beating the Cougars this Saturday, Washington would improve to 6-6 and become bowl eligible for the first time since 2002.

6-6 doesn't sound great, but four of the Huskies' six losses came at the hands of Oregon, Stanford, Nebraska and Arizona (all ranked in the top 18 at the time the teams played).

I would love nothing more than to see Jake Locker win his final regular season game and have the chance to play in his first career bowl game – that would be a great Christmas gift.

Well I'm out of room folks but thanks for reading. Good luck on all your finals and have a great winter break and holiday season!



Upcoming WSU Home Games



Tuesday, December 7

Women's Basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut State
@ 7:00 p.m.



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TCU to join Big East Conference in 2012

By Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

After the past few seasons of being denied a chance at the BCS National Championship Game, TCU has accepted an offer from the Big East to join the conference in all sports. This move will take effect on July 1, 2012.

TCU's current conference, the Mountain West Conference, does not allow them to earn an automatic qualifying bid to a BCS game.

In their current conference, the only way to earn a BCS bid would be if they went undefeated and even then they would be on the bubble of earning a trip to one of college football's best bowl games.

By the joining the Big East, TCU can now make BCS games and the National Championship game a lot easier.

This move will improve TCU's recruiting as they can now persuade high school athletes to join them as they will be playing in a major conference.

TCU's arrival to the Big East in terms of football will improve that conference as a whole.

They will get a team competing for the national title every season and better competition within the conference.

This is the perfect time for the Big East to make a move like this because in recent years the Big East has been lacking big name teams ranked at the top of the nation who can compete for a national title.

With a win this weekend, the UConn Huskies earn an automatic bid to a BCS bowl game with four losses this season.

The Big East is the fourth conference TCU has entered since they left the



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Andy Dalton's TCU Horned Frogs will begin playing in the Big East in 2012.

Southwest Conference in 1995.

TCU's basketball team will be faced with a lot tougher competition as they will join arguably the best NCAA basketball conference in the nation.

Look for TCU's already strong athletic program to get even better in years to come. Now that TCU has joined a major BCS conference, look for other schools to try and make a move to a conference that will

best help further the success of their football program.

Boise State appears to be a program looking down the road to move to a major conference like the Big 12 or the Pac 10.

Week twelve fantasy football studs and duds

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Quarterback Studs

Tom Brady (NE) 341 Pass Yards, 4 Pass TDs - 29 Points
Matt Cassel (KC) 233 Pass Yards, 4 Pass TDs - 28 Points
Jay Cutler (Chi) 247 Pass Yards, 4 Pass TDs - 27 Points

Duds

Ben Roethlisberger (Pit) 246 Pass Yards, 18 Rush Yards - 11 Points
Mark Sanchez (NYJ) 166 Pass Yards, 1 Pass TD - 9 Points
Carson Palmer (CIN) 135 Pass Yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs - 5 Points

Running back Studs

Peyton Hillis (Cle) 131 Rush

Yards, 3 Rush TDs - 37 Points
Fred Jackson (Buf) 59 Rush Yards, 104 Rec Yards - 22 Points
Arian Foster (Hou) 143 Rush Yards, 75 Rec Yards - 21 Points

Duds

Patrick Cobbs (Mia) 32 Rec Yards, 1 Rec TD - 9 Points
Brandon Jacobs (NYG) 87 Rush Yards - 8 Points
Lamar Miller (TB) 55 Rush Yards - 5 Points

Wide receiver Studs

Dwayne Bowe (KC) 170 Rec Yards, 3 Rec TDs - 35 Points
Jacoby Ford (Oak) 13 Rush Yards, 108 Rec Yards - 24 Points
Deion Branch (NE) 113 Rec Yards, 2 Rec TDs - 23 Points

Duds

Santana Moss (Was) 40 Rec Yards - 5 Points
Steve Smith (Car) 33 Rec Yards - 4 Points
Donald Driver (GB) 26 Rec Yards - 3 Points

Tight end Studs

Billy Bajema (STL) 32 Rec Yards, 2 Rec TDs - 15 Points
Todd Heap (Bal) 79 Rec Yards, 1 Rec TD - 13 Points
Kevin Boss (NYG) 74 Rec Yards, 1 Rec TD - 13 Points

Duds

Jared Cook (Ten) 40 Rec Yards - 4 Points
Jermaine Gresham (Cin) 36 Rec Yards - 3 Points
Mercedes Lewis (Jac) 36 Rec Yards - 3 Points

Stud Kickers

Nate Kaeding (SD) 2 FG 20-29, 2 FG 30-39 - 20 Points
Dan Carpenter (Mia) 2 FG 20-29, 2 FG 40-49 - 17 Points
Shaun Suisham (Pit) 4 FG 40-49, 1 PAT Made - 17 Points

Duds

Billy Cundiff (Bal) 1 FG 40-49, 2 PAT Made - 6 Points
Ryan Longwell (Min) 1 FG 30-39, 2 PAT Made - 5 Points
Mason Crosby (GB) 1 FG 20-29, 2 PAT Made - 5 Points

Stud Defenses

San Diego (@Ind) 14 Points Allowed, 1 Sack - 24 Points
New York (vs. Cin) 10 Points Allowed, 3 Sacks - 21 Points
Houston (vs. Ten) 0 Points Allowed, 1 Sack, 3 INTs - 17 Points

Duds

Washington (vs. Min) 17 Points Allowed, 2 Sacks - 3 Points
Tennessee (@Hou) 20 Points Allowed, 2 Sacks - 3 Points
Philadelphia (@Chi) 31 Points Allowed, 4 Sacks - 3 Points

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Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
If you're feeling a little aggressive or rebellious at the moment, you're bound to end up stirring up a little trouble for yourself. Try to be very aware of your actions at home and in the outside world.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You'll be feeling a little restless. All sorts of new ideas will be swirling around in your head, and you'd undoubtedly like to break out of your routine and enjoy a little excitement and adventure.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Financial concerns will really be in the spotlight for you this week, and there are bound to be some tricky situations to have to deal with.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
The focus will really be on your relationships this week. You may be a little erratic at the moment, and your partner will be a bit unpredictable as well.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
If certain situations aren't entirely clear to you this week, just try not to react to things until you have a chance to get the whole story and straighten things out. Certain people may be trying to upset you, so just remember to be smart and do your best to remain calm.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
A problem with a friend or loved one will end up requiring quite a bit of your time and attention. And there are bound to be some romantic difficulties for you to have to deal with as well. Just be careful you don't react to things too hastily.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Don't be surprised if a few unexpected developments start popping up for you this week, particularly on the home front. Some interesting new opportunities will soon be headed your way.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Even though your head will be filled with all sorts of interesting plans and ideas, try not to come to any major conclusions just yet. Some interesting news should be coming your way before long.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
If you haven't been paying much attention to your finances lately, you're bound to end up having to face a few unexpected complications right now. And you may even be getting into a few arguments.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You'll definitely have an urge to shake things up a bit this week. Just remember that it's really not in your best interest to be getting into unnecessary conflicts and arguments with others.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You'll really feel like you could use some kind of relief from all the pressures in your life. Just be sure to take good care of yourself and try to find some healthy ways of working off some of that tension.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
If there are any difficult issues you have to deal with this week, be sure that you make an effort to be as clear and upfront as possible with people.

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- SNOWMAN
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MASSPIRG Campus Update!

MASSPIRG's environmental campaign got 210 signatures on a Clean Air Act petition, and are working towards planning campaigns for next semester.

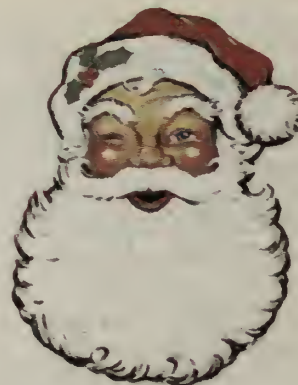
MASSPIRG students have also been working on Hunger and Homelessness in the Westfield community by volunteering at the Samaritan Inn twice a week, planning for the Hunger Cleanup in the spring, etc.

At Westfield, our goal is to raise ten thousand-dollars for the Hunger Cleanup. Get involved!

Students from Westfield's MASSPIRG chapter will also be attending the statewide board meeting on December 4th to vote on the lead campaigns for next semester.

If you want to get involved with the chapter in the spring, please email your campus organizer, Molly, at mollyk@masspirgstudents.org or visit www.masspirgstudents.org for more information

Tommy D's Sexy Santa's Helper Contest!



Sam Adams Draft:
\$3.25

Tommy Time
Drink: \$4.50

Red Licorice:
\$3.75

Candy Cane Shot
\$3.25

Thursday 12/9 and
Thursday 12/16

Two week event:

Come dressed in your sexiest Santa costume on Thursday Dec. 9 and you could go on to round 2 on Thursday Dec. 16 to win \$100!

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:30a.m.-8:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. &
4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-11:00p.m.
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Pandini's

Everyday 11:00 a.m.- 12:00a.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

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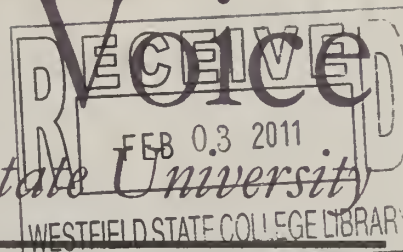
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Graduation preparation

Lauren Learned
Voice Reporter

So how many seniors are ready to trade in their beer kegs and "I Love to Party" t-shirts for travel coffee mugs, nice shirts and ties? How many seniors are actually sure that they are graduating in May and know how to prepare for graduation?

Most of us probably feel that we're ready to receive our diplomas but in actuality probably don't even know where to begin the process.

"Well the few things I did to prep myself for graduation was to make sure I would have enough credits to graduate on time as well as having good grades in my classes," said 2010 graduate, Tomas Biela, who received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

"I thought I was okay until the day of graduation," said would-be graduate, Paolo Di Girolamo who was going for his BS in Sports Medicine.

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Westfield State students enjoy snow days as one of the many nor'easters hit New England. For more on snow, read "Cave-in threats" on Page 3.

Project 351 a success

Andrew Johnson
Voice Reporter

In Boston on January 15, more than 400 eighth grade students representing all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts joined Governor Deval Patrick, Lt. Governor Tim Murray, Ray Allen of the Celtics, Kevin Faulk and Brandon McGowan of the New England Patriots, and Jay Heaps formerly of the New England Revolution, to launch Project 351 — an ambitious and unprecedented youth service day.

Project 351 participants first kicked off the day with Governor Patrick and Lt. Governor Murray at a Youth Town Hall meeting at Cradles to Crayons in Brighton.

The youth ambassadors then spread out across Boston to join leaders in the professional sports community to serve in partnership with numerous service and non-profit organizations.

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Mon-Thur - 7:00am-9:00pm
Fri - 7:00am-6:00pm
Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Quick Hits

Friday, Jan. 28

6:00p.m. - XBOX on
the big screen
Ely Main Lounge

11:00p.m. - Brown
Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Jan. 29

1:00p.m. - Women's
basketball vs.
Bridgewater State
Woodward Center

3:00p.m. - Berkshire
Music School
Dever Stage

7:00p.m. - Wii Rock
Band Tournament
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, Jan. 30

6:00p.m. - XBOX on
the big screen
Ely Main Lounge

8th graders from across MA join together to launch Project 351

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School superintendents and principals selected the youth ambassadors to represent each of the state's 351 cities and towns based on their strong ethic of service.

Together, the participants hope to impact more than 10,000 children facing economic challenges in the areas of nutrition, early childhood health and development, education, and in providing life's essentials of food, clothing, and compassion.

By donating a "library" of over 1,000 books to the Catholic Charities Haitian Multi Service Center, assembling kits to help 4,000 children transition into kindergarten, transforming Dimock's Early Childhood

Education Center to increase capacity for an additional 100 toddlers, and filling 4,000 backpacks with nutritious food at Greater Boston Food Bank to assist schoolchildren at risk of hunger these students, athletes, and politicians are making quite a difference in many young children's lives.

Project 351 also helps by providing clothing, school supplies, toys, and learning materials for children ages 0-12 through Cradles to Crayons, painting Blackstone Elementary School, and creating a welcoming resource center for parents at this "turnaround school"

This unprecedented event took place on the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to help honor his legacy of service.

"Project 351 is



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Eighth graders join Governor Patrick, Lt. Governor Murray and professional New England athletes for a youth service day - Project 351.

designed to inspire, challenge, and motivate our next generation of learners and leaders to give back and make a significant impact on the community,"

said Governor Patrick. "As we serve together, we join thousands of citizens across the nation honoring Dr. King's example," he said.

Seniors readying themselves to face graduation

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"Literally 3 hours before the ceremony, the registrar called me to tell me I was half a point short from fulfilling the required grade. I couldn't graduate."

"Meeting with your adviser from time to time is another good way to see how you are doing academically as well as if you will be graduating," Biela said. "This way in the event there is an error, paperwork or credit wise, you can work with them and the

academic office in order to fix it."

"I have had to jump through so many hoops in order to graduate, retaking classes, writing papers, independent study; its ridiculous," Di Girolamo said.

Although he hasn't graduated yet, Di Girolamo was still able to land a job at Yellowstone National Park where he'll start in May 2011.

"With my new job starting May 19 and graduation being the 20 or so, I will never

have the opportunity to walk across the stage nor do I have a reason to wear my cap and gown.

"That's kind of a right of passage I will never be able to participate in," Di Girolamo said.

So where does the prospective graduate go to see if they're in good shape to walk across the stage? Westfield State University has just the tool located on the MyWestfield page.

In Fall 2010 WSU

added a new link to help students keep track of their "class audit." If you sign into your MyWestfield page and click the academics tab, you'll find a link that says "Degree Evaluation" in the "Registration Tools" block.

Click it! If you see any red "x's" anywhere in your audit, go see your advisor and the registrar and see what can be done to turn those pesky x's into glorious green check marks; or at least the blue squiggle which means it's a work in progress.

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Revisiting a decade-old 21st century vision: John Mearsheimer's vision

By Michael Brill
Voice Reporter

"Many in the West seem to believe that 'perpetual peace' among the great powers is finally at hand... In the words of one famous author, the end of the Cold War has brought us to 'the end of history.'"

So began political scientist John J. Mearsheimer's *Tragedy of Great Power Politics* that was published in 2001.

Mearsheimer wasted no space before taking on Immanuel Kant's republican theory of "perpetual peace," distantly echoed two centuries later in the present by "democratic-peace" theorists in the likes of the *New York Times*' Thomas Friedman, while firing an opening salvo at Francis Fukuyama's *End of History*.

Like Fukuyama's more hopeful and idealistic work, Mearsheimer's treatise offered a vision for the new century, albeit a much more pessimistic one.

At the center of his argument, Mearsheimer rejected the notion held by Fukuyama and others that the apparent 20th century triumph by Western liberal-democratic capitalism over all competing visions and systems would fundamentally alter the way that states behaved and interacted with one another.

In Mearsheimer's view, despite the United States' position as the world's sole remaining superpower and the enhanced prestige of international institutions, the international system was still anarchic and security competition between its states would remain a fact of life.

Mearsheimer's vision of the future saw that politics between states would remain a zero-sum game; they would maximize their own power at the expense of others.

The bulk of the *Tragedy of Great Power Politics*

outlined Mearsheimer's theory of international relations and tested it against the backdrop of great-power competition and conflict over the previous two centuries.

Looking toward the future, the introduction and final chapter contained warnings in regard to the rise of China as a world power.

Mearsheimer noted that the "possibility of a clash between China and the United States over Taiwan is hardly remote" and concluded with a warning that the U.S. needed to reverse its policy of "constructive engagement" with China in order to slow its rise.

He argued that the structure of the international system called for such a course in that a rising China would naturally become an aggressive state seeking hegemony over Asia.

Events of early 2001 suggested that Mearsheimer's apprehension and warnings may be quickly vindicated. A major diplomatic crisis between the U.S. and China developed in April when an U.S. Air Force intelligence-gathering plane collided with a Chinese military jet and was forced to land in China.

The eventual release of the Chinese-held American crewmen from this Hainan Island Incident added a chill to relations between the U.S. and China even as spring turned to summer.

Then, out of the clear blue sky that prevailed over much of the American northeast on a fateful and tragic Tuesday morning that September, came a challenge and threat that Mearsheimer, Fukuyama, and other leading academics who offered visions of the 21st century overlooked.

As the United States mobilized for war in Fall 2001 and President Bush declared a "Global War on Terror," it became clear that America's

most dangerous enemies would not challenge or fight it in the traditional sense.

19 men armed with box-cutters didn't represent a state or a great power. Clearly, the nature of the U.S.'s enemies had changed and new strategies and ways of combating them were required.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, there was a widespread consensus that many of the greatest challenges of the new century would come from non-state actors like Al-Qaeda.

Over the course of a few months, Mearsheimer's book went from a dreary but possibly prescient assessment of global politics to an antiquated volume better relegated to the previous century.

The world's states would now certainly be most concerned with fighting terrorists and security cooperation would be the standard between them rather

than security competition. This certainly seemed to be the case then but was it really a permanent fundamental change?

No sooner had Osama Bin Laden and his top henchmen escaped to Pakistan's rugged border region with Afghanistan, then a crisis erupted between India and Pakistan.

The bitter rivals had fought 4 major wars since the partition of British India in 1947 and the bombing of India's parliament by terrorists with ties to Pakistan in late 2001 raised the horrific prospect of a fifth.

India mobilized its army for war and Pakistan followed in kind. Citizens of both countries and international observers could only solemnly look on as Indian and Pakistani army convoys took up positions across from one another along the shared border.

Both governments readied their nuclear arsenals and though India promised

it would not be the first to use them, numerically disadvantaged Pakistan refused to give any such guarantee.

Thus as a million men faced off against one another in preparation for war, at the very start of the 21st century, India and Pakistan stared back into the 20th century's abyss of violence before finally stepping away from the brink.

Around the same time that the India-Pakistan standoff was de-escalating, the U.S.'s relationship with China moved back into the spotlight again as the Bush administration set its sights on Iraq and possibly Iran and North Korea.

The U.S. Congress passed massive tax cuts and simultaneously increased spending on a vast scale and as budget deficits and the national debt soared, it was clear that somebody would have to make the payments.

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More snow means more cave-in threats

Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

It's beginning to look a lot like...a mess outside.

With the Christmas season well behind us, many New Englanders are ready to trade in their shovels and winter jackets for t-shirts, beach chairs, and flip flops.

With three nor'easters already hitting Massachusetts, and possibly more on the way, Westfield State University students are already feeling the pressure of class cancellations, make-up assignments, and change in schedules, all in the first week of classes.

But with more snow expected, make-up homework is the least of our worries. With over 28 inches of snow this past storm, New England

hasn't seen this much snow since 2004 with 21 inches.

Because of how heavy snow can get, many buildings are not equipped to handle that amount of snow. An apartment building in Norwich, Connecticut had to be evacuated because the roof was partially collapsing under the weight of the snow.

The Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) offers tips to determine how much snow a building can handle. They say that many New England buildings are made to hold snow, but there are certain designed buildings that are more delicate than others.

According to the IBHS, the age of a building is a major factor for snow safety. Newer buildings are more snow-load ready because

of new building codes that require them to be. However, older buildings might not have had the same building codes, depending on the time the building was built.

Flat roof buildings are also more prone to water leakage.

Also, snow build-up around windows can lead to water damage as well. Students can help do their part by getting rid of snow around windows.

Although WSU's buildings are fully equipped to deal with this kind of New England weather, anything can happen in these conditions. So just be prepared for anything, wear warm clothing, and shovel out your cars as soon as possible.

For more information go to: DisasterSafety.org

The Proud Conservative

Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students and faculty for the start of yet another busy semester here at good ol' WSU.

For those of you who are new to the campus, I write the Proud Conservative column in the Voice because that's what I am, a proud conservative.

My column runs an opposing point of view to the Angry Liberal, written by a differing, yet extremely talented writer in her own right, Kristen Sherwood.

Between the two of us, readers will get informed on all sides of every issue in the forefront of politics today.

You may notice that although I might seem opinionated, sometimes a tad over the top, I do strive to make the reader entertained as well as informed.

I am what you may describe as a few "24 hours" older than the typical student. Politics has been my hobby, and my passion for many years.

I describe my writing as an educated opinion, seeing that I have been around it for so long, and I actually, at one point, was a "shudder" liberal myself. This was in 1980, and I do admit, I actually voted for Jimmy Carter in the primary voting.

I was still at the

young age when my opinion was brainwashed by the media, which was almost as left-wing then as it is today.

Shortly after, I got to be a big fan of the Great Communicator, Ronald Reagan, and have been of the conservative persuasion ever since.

Enough about me, as I would like to get to our topic of the week, which is the State of the Union address delivered by President Obama last night.

As most of you know, I am not a fan of the "Obaminator," but I was willing to put my disgust aside for one night to see what our leader had to say.

I was actually hoping for a well versed, polished speech full of hope and practical ideas to help pull our country out of the hole it is currently in.

The first red flag was when I learned the Democrats had come up with an idea for their version of "Date Night" at the Capitol.

In a supposed spirit of bi-partisanship, the Dem's proposed the idea of Republicans and Democrats sitting together during the President's speech.

I couldn't help but laugh at the site of people like Senator John Kerry arriving with his "date" Senator John McCain in tow, head held low, hoping no one would see him.

It was kind of like in high school when you might have been forced to take your cousin, Mildred, to

the prom. Same impression here. Same old style over substance by the Democrats.

It showed they had feelings, although it didn't make a bit of difference in actuality.

While I admit, the President delivered a well versed, polished speech promising huge change and a brighter future and jobs for everyone, it was mostly not worth the paper it was printed on.

He didn't propose how he was going to make the changes, or better yet, how we are going to pay for it, but in a page out of the Bill Clinton playbook he told the masses what they wanted to hear.

Don't forget, Obama doesn't see anything wrong with printing up new money whenever he needs it.

He then grandiosely informed us of how he is going to appropriate money for state of the art classrooms, plans for high-speed rail to be available in 98% of the U.S., one million electric cars to be on the road by 2015 and new investments to fix the aging infrastructure of the country.

Five minutes later, he pledged that he would freeze domestic spending for at least five years. Say what? As I said, how are we going to pay for it?

Same old story, different speech. Although we will have to endure two more years of the Obamination Administration, don't worry; 2012 is almost here!

Editor's Desk



Yay snow! Who doesn't love snow days? Sure, walking to class has been dreadful, but that was only when we had class!! I don't know about you all but I'm gunna do a snow dance later.

Rob is trying to get me to learn to ski, but I'm refusing. Strongly refusing. It scares me! Maybe someday I will...for a bribe. Like money. Or a car, maybe I could talk Rob into buying me a car if I went skiing with him? Sounds fair to me!

Alex and I did kickboxing on Monday. SO INTENSE. We were so sore. But that just means it's working! It was a lot of fun. Especially making fun of Alex, that was the best ;)

Anyway, hope you all had a nice break, and thanks for reading! This is a great issue.

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Think you have something worth saying?
Or do you just want to see your name in print?

Come to our monthly meeting Monday, February 7th at
5:30 in Ely 305! Enjoy pizza and tell us your ideas!

Hope to see you there!

The Angry Liberal:

State of the Union Address

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter



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President Obama giving his State of the Union address Tuesday, January 25 with Vice President Biden and Speaker of the House Boehner listening behind him.

the health care bill and alluded to its unpopularity among Republicans, he joked but then seriously stated that "anything can be improved. If you have ideas about how to improve this law by making care better or more affordable, I am eager to work with you."

Despite the fact that the president is required by the U.S. Constitution to discuss the state of the Union with Congress, Obama's speech also had the political advantage of showing Americans that he is willing to compromise. Of course, within minutes, the "Republican response" and later the "Tea Party response" ruined it.

Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan gave the official Republican response, which mostly just criticized Obama and the Democrats.

Representative Ryan emphasized the need for more limited government and complained about the rising deficit, but did not give many ideas as to how to alleviate the burden of that debt.

Ryan mentioned the Republican efforts to repeal the health care law and said, "we will work to replace it with fiscally responsible, patient-centered reforms that actually reduce costs and expand coverage." How exactly the

Republicans planned to do that was something he left out.

In Ryan's fifteen minute response, he said that the "debt is out of control," that we are in a "fiscal crisis," the federal government "spends too much," we have "record deficits and debt" and explained how the "poor decisions made in Washington and Wall Street that caused a financial crisis squandered our savings, broke our trust and crippled our economy."

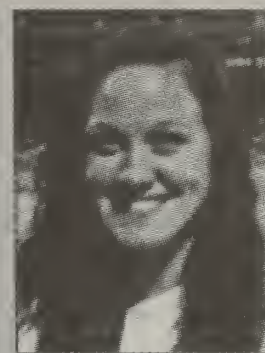
The Republican response reiterated the commitment to limited government, lower taxes, and fiscal responsibility, but did not propose any definitive plan to achieve those goals. There was no talk of working together with Democrats or the President and reaching any compromises.

The other Republican response, the Tea Party Response, wasn't much better.

Representative Michele Bachmann gave a response from the Tea Party Movement, which also complained about the debt and health care, as she explained the "explosion of government spending" and "Obamacare." She also did not emphasize bipartisanship or a definitive plan.

If the Republicans want to cut the deficit,

Editor's Desk



Hello and welcome back! I hope everyone's break was as good as mine!

Man it feels good to be back in the office. I was getting sick of sitting in my room doing nothing all night.

Samantha and I are both so excited to be back and doing the paper again. We thought we were weird for being so excited, but it's just because we love it so much! :)

While we were working here in the office (very hard I might add) we were jammin' to some Glee. It helps put us in a good, working mood!

Alright, well I hope you all like the first issue! Enjoy being back to school and such!

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repeal the health care law, and limit government, then they need to unite under a definitive plan, which was not mentioned in their rebuttals.

The Republicans won't go anywhere with only complaining and disparaging Obama for the past. It is time to move on and move forward. If any legislation is to be passed, then they also need to work with the President and with other Democrat members of Congress.

During the State of the Union Address, Democrats and Republicans alike wore black and white ribbon in support of recovering Congresswoman Giffords and

they oddly sat side-by-side.

But, as Obama explained, "What comes of this moment will be determined not by whether we can sit together tonight, but whether we can work together tomorrow. I believe we can. I believe we must."

That's what the people who sent us here expect of us. With their votes, they've determined that governing will now be a shared responsibility between parties.

New laws will only pass with support from Democrats and Republicans. We will move forward together, or not at all – for the challenges we face are bigger than party, and bigger than politics."

Breaking out of the college routine

Alex Myers
Co-Editor-In-Chief

As many of you begin this spring semester, getting books, the classes you want, and snow off your car probably take first priority on your "to-do list."

When all that is said and done, we cannot forget the on campus events that happen quite frequently and can always be counted on to provide nice breaks in your everyday, routine schedule.

The Student Government Association on campus hears and keeps tabs on all the events that go on for students to enjoy. Students can be part of SGA by going to meetings Tuesdays at 5:30 in the basement of Ely, by joining SGA itself and being, say, president of your class, or by joining Hall Council.

Colleen Murphy, SGA President, said, "SGA's main vehicle for programming is through the Campus Activities Board."

They are a club that comes up with ideas for events and then host them.

They host Open Mic Night every first Wednesday from 8:00 to 10:00p.m., Trivia every third Wednesday at 8:00p.

m., and Brown Bag Bingo, a campus favorite, every last Friday of the month starting at 11:00p.m. All of those events are held in Ely Main Lounge.

CAB has arranged for Comedians Dave and Ethan to come on Wednesday, February 2.

They will essentially be holding a type of "Dating Show" event. Type in "Comedians Dave and Ethan" into Youtube for more information.

A second event CAB is putting on is Indoor Roller Skating in Parenzo Gym from 7:00 to 11:00p.m. on Saturday, February 5.

It will be complete with lights and music, like a real roller rink.

Murphy said, "I would tell all the resident students to check their halls. They are always planning events. I would encourage them to look at fliers because there are always fun events, usually with free food."

Lammers Hall is having a Superbowl party and that is only one example of the exciting events you can enjoy without every stepping food in the freezing cold.

Some Non-SGA events that are also in order are The WSU Dance Company's Friendly's Fundraiser on Tuesday, February 1 from 5:00

to 8:00p.m. at the restaurant in the Westfield Shops.

The Vagina Monologues, which many of you may already be familiar with, are set to perform on Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26 in Dever at 7:00p.m.

Dunn & Phillips, a law firm on Arnold Street, is holding an open house on February 3 from 3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. for anyone looking to the legal field for networking, internships, and careers.

There will be pizza and anyone interested is encouraged to go. They are located at 59 Arnold Street in Westfield.

The Ely Campus Center is also holding events this weekend. Friday night there will be Black Light Mini Golf with a DJ and free ice cream. Golfing starts at 5:00p.m. and ice cream will be served at 7:00p.m.

On Saturday, teams of three can register to play in a Rockband tournament to win a \$50 gift card. Teams can register by messaging the ElyCampusCenter Facebook page by Friday, January 28 at 4:00p.m.

So in the midst of your winter blues, look to SGA, CAB, and other clubs around campus to put some fun in your life.

Student Spotlight



Name: Erica "Princess" Brittle
Hometown: Home of the Red Sox
Major: Psychology

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I aspire to engage in the field of probation. I want to help troubled youth and juveniles get on the right path.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
6 foot 7 by Lil Wayne

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner, who would it be and what would you serve?

Justin Bieber - chocolate covered strawberries
Fabolous - steak with green peppers and rice
Oprah - Lobster

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Lay in bed with my feet up against the wall and relax.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?
When I was a tour guide last year, I had a parent who not only thanked me for providing her and her daughter with information but complimented me on having such an outstanding, bubbly personality!

Lucky Number?
28 - It's my birthday!

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
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and tell us why.*

U.S. prefers China as ally over foe

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Superseding security competition, what emerged was the framework by which the U.S. would increasingly provide the needed market for export-led Chinese economic growth while China would continue to buy up a sizable share of the U.S. Treasuries required to finance Washington's profligacy.

Mearsheimer's vision neglected the growing

economic connection between China and the U.S., but the security competition he warned of has indeed taken place to the extent that China has simultaneously sought to develop military technologies capable of projecting power throughout the Pacific region and by its nature, to one day be in the position to successfully challenge the United States and other regional powers.

Perhaps global politics in the 21st century has developed

as more of a multi-sum game than Mearsheimer foresaw.

It is possible that a highly dependent economic partnership of necessity that historian Niall Ferguson termed "Chimerica," will help provide continued stability in the security realm well into the future.

As serious as currency and other economic disputes between China and the U.S. have been, their presence is much more preferable than unfettered rivalry.

Student's trip to downtown Westfield a positive experience

Chris Holmes
Voice Reporter

I took the bus to downtown Westfield this past holiday season in hopes of getting some work done at Jester's Café.

As my friend and I approached the front door we came to realize that they had closed up shop early for the day, apparently having to do with business being bad due to the construction downtown.

Standing in the bitter cold, a first taste of the winter months just ahead, we ventured into the music store next door to Jester's



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Jester's Cafe in Westfield is always open for business.

in hopes of seeking refuge from the falling flakes.

The same family owns both Jester's

and the music store.

After we explained our situation to the lady that owned both, she very generously allowed us to stay in the closed café for as long as we needed.

Her generosity didn't stop there.

A true being of the holiday season, she brewed us some coffee and allowed us to indulge in free refills.

Materialism haunts what is supposed to be "the most wonderful time of the year," a time that revolves around giving and not expecting anything in return.

This blemish on the face of holiday season is somewhat reduced in size every now and again when

one comes across people like those at Jester's Café.

Jester's Café is located in downtown Westfield on Elm Street, a perfect spot for college kids to hang out and relax, take a load off, and get some work done in a quiet and welcoming environment.

Unfortunately, from what I gather, Jester's Café is unknown to most students at Westfield State.

It is truly in the best interests of students to make the pilgrimage to Jester's Café.

If not to be in a pressure free environment for producing last minute assignments, but to also get a sense of the true spirit of generosity that lies in the people that work there.

2011 brings big changes for Noble Hospital staff

Alex Myers
Samantha Fahey
Co-Editors-In-Chief

Westfield's own Noble Hospital has recently made some exciting additions and promotions.

First, President and CEO Robert P. Perry has just been recertified as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

Second, Dr. Stephen V. Klein has been nominated to serve as Chair of Noble Hospital's Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging Department.

And lastly, Dr. James T. Buffum joins the Noble Hospital team.

Member of FACHE, CAE, and president and chief executive officer of ACHE,

Doctor Thomas C. Dolan said that becoming an ACHE Fellow allows healthcare leaders to "show that they are committed to providing high-quality service to their patients and community."

Achieving Fellow status is not an easy task. According to a press release from the hospital, there are multiple requirements, including "passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement."

Only 8,500 healthcare executives hold the honor of being a Fellow, a position that represents achievement of the highest standard you can receive in your professional life.

The press release stated that Perry is privileged to use the FACHE credential that shows he has board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status.

Dr. Stephen Klein who began his duties as Chair on January 1, graduated from Yeshiva University Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York.

He is certified by the American Board of Diagnostic Radiology and is also certified in cardiovascular and interventional radiology.

Dr. Klein is more than qualified for the position of Chair.

During his time at the university, he did both an internship in internal medicine and residency in diagnostic radiology.

He takes the role of

department head as a part of a new affiliation between Noble Hospital and Jefferson Radiology, a group of more than 50 radiologists in Connecticut.

According to a press release from Noble Hospital, "Jefferson Radiology is considered a leader in imaging and interventional radiology and has committed the resources necessary to make Noble Hospital's Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging Department a singular center of excellence in the region."

The press release says that the hospital is confident that Dr. Klein and his colleagues will impact an already superb clinical department greatly.

Among promotions and honors, Noble Hospital still had time to invite more doctors to be part of the

hospital's team.

Dr. James T. Buffum was appointed to the cardiology staff earlier this month.

He completed his PhD at Georgetown University School of Medicine, his residency in internal medicine, and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at Wilford Hall United States Air Force Medical Center.

Dr. Buffum is recognized by the American Heart Association Heart/Stroke Recognition Program for using "evidence-based measures and providing excellent care to persons with cardiovascular disease or who have had a stroke."

The hospital stated that they are "proud to welcome a physician of Dr. Buffum's caliber" to their staff and to the community.

REFLECTIONS
By Samantha Fahy

Elijah Wood— Born Jan. 28, 1981



Elijah Wood was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the middle of three children. When he was ten years old, he began

modeling and even doing commercials. His first break was when he appeared in Paula Abdul's music video, "Forever Your Girl." His first film appearance was in the great movie *Back to the Future II*, in which he played the role of "video game boy." In 1993 he played the lead role in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Also in that year, he appeared in *The Good Son*, in which Matcaulay Culkin plays

Wood's cousin, an almost psychopathic child who is obsessed with death and killing things. Wood is best known for his role as Frodo Baggins in the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy. Since then, he has appeared in movies such as *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *Happy Feet*, and will reprise the role of Frodo Baggins in *The Hobbit*, being made in two parts and coming out in 2012 and 2013.

Robert Frost – Died Jan. 29, 1963



Robert Frost was born on March 26, 1874 in San Francisco, California, the first of two children. Once his father died, the family

moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where Frost began attending Dartmouth College. He sold his first poem "My Butterfly: An Elegy" to *The New York Independent* for \$15. In 1894, he attended Harvard for liberal arts and was doing quite well, until he had to leave the university to support his growing family with wife Elinor Miriam White. Together, the two produced six children.

They moved to a farm where they lived for nine years, Frost working during the day and writing poetry in the early mornings and late evenings. The farm did not progress successfully, so Frost returned to school and eventually became an English professor. His first book of poems, "A Boy's Will" was published in 1912. His most famous poems include, "Nothing Gold Can Stay" and "The Road Not Taken."

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TV flashback: Boy Meets World is gone but not forgotten by fans

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

In 1993, a boy met the world and embedded himself so deeply into American teen and pre-teen culture that to this day, 10 years after his television series came to a close, college kids across America still find themselves quoting and re-watching episodes from "Boy Meets World."

"Boy Meets World" was a show that you, the viewer, felt connected to because as the characters grew in age, so did you.

The plot of "Boy Meets World" is about Cory Matthews and how he deals with his family, his older and cooler brother Eric, his rebel best friend Shawn Hunter, the sensible and "girl next door" Topanga Lawrence, and the teacher that followed Cory and his friends throughout their

lives, Mr. Feeney.

In the beginning of the show, we watched as young Cory tried to find out exactly where he fit into his crazy little world.

Cory Matthews was always there to show us how to survive as a lowly 6th grader, handle the rigors of the middle school dating world, aspire to be a professional baseball player, and balance the importance of family.

He would always get in trouble with Shawn, and make fun of Topanga, watch as his older brother Eric, got all the girls, while Mr. Feeney gave guidance from next door.

Then we watched one of the greatest love stories ever told, that being between Cory and Topanga. Their relationship proved that love is something of a struggle, and though there may be many bad days, there are always bright

days on the horizon.

Then viewers began to witness one of the first bromances, that being the friendship between Cory and Shawn.

Briefly hitting the highlights, Shawn was the adventurous one, very outspoken, masculine in every way, great with the ladies, prone to some trouble, while Cory was the total opposite, someone who never took risks.

Though the two friends could not differ from each other more, it was those differences that made them so great.

Who would forget the numerous schemes that they collaborated on, like Shawn dressing up as a girl to write an article in the newspaper, or the time when Shawn and Cory had to "break up" because Shawn's girlfriend did not like Cory.

Then there was Eric,

Cory's older brother. Who in the beginning of the show was the cool brother who we all wanted to be like, but did anyone else realize how stupid he got near the end of the series.

Sure, we loved him yelling "Feeney, FFFEEENNEY!" all the time, or "Plays with Squirrels" but what happened to the old Eric.

Then does anyone realize that Cory's sister Morgan vanished for 2 years. Then the next time we see her, it is a new actress.

But then "Boy Meets World" also had those episodes that pulled at your heartstrings.

Who didn't cry

when Shawn's father died, or when Mr. Turner got into that bike accident and Shawn had to deal with loss and pain. When Topanga had to move to Pittsburg with her parents, and leave Cory.

Then there were the moments that people all cheered for, like when Cory and Topanga finally got married, or when we found out that Cory's little brother Joshua would be okay.

That is what made this show so great. It had all the things that we loved in a TV show, comedy, drama, friendships, and a great plot, and that is what makes "Boy Meets World" memorable.

Seen any good shows lately? Movies? Read any good books?

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Book Review: Evidence of Things Unseen

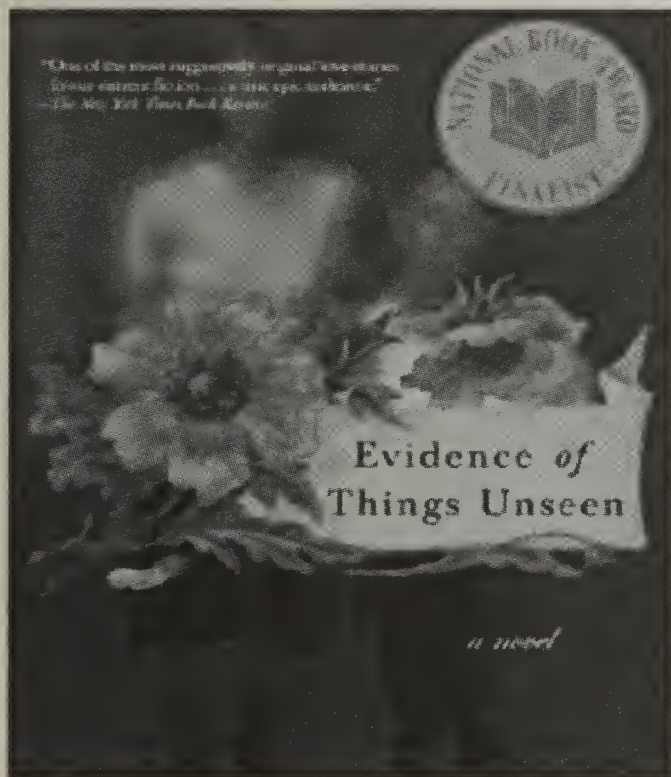


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Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

"Evidence of Things Unseen," by Marianne Wiggins, is a romance novel following the lives of Fos and Opal, covering their entire adult lives.

Wiggins combines this love story with historical settings (the end of WWI to the Manhattan Project and beyond, and everything in between) to create something unique and beautiful.

Both Fos and Opal, along with other characters like Fos' army buddy Flash, feel complete and human in every way.

Their flaws and virtues are both realistic and well portrayed, and you will care about the fate of each and every major character.

The literary

achievement that Wiggins has created with this novel is nothing short of extraordinary.

Every sentence is enjoyable to read, and the story is full of symbols and metaphors that make you think deeply, but never feel forced.

As for the romance part of the novel, I was almost reluctant to call it a romance novel as it seems to be pushed to the background.

While that Fos and Opal love each other is established early on, the book is more about their triumphs and struggles.

"Evidence of Things Unseen" is a book you will remember and will haunt you.

A month after reading it, even with dozens of books in between, this book stands out in my memory for its excellence as if I read it yesterday.
10 out of 10.

Student Profile: Bryant Cyr, the actor

Austin Hall
Voice Reporter

Bryant Cyr, a senior at Westfield State University, will graduate this spring with a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts. Cyr is from Poland Springs, Maine and plans to stay in theatre for the rest of his life.

As of right now, Cyr has a spring internship at a theatre doing administrative work but also has his bartending license, which works perfectly for his life as a hopeful actor.

As Cyr says, "that way I can set myself up to be able to have some kind of full time job while I ultimately play the role of the starving artist."

His five-year plan, as he puts it, is to get his MFA in acting and directing, culminating in a teaching job for those areas. He also has expressed plans to open up a theatre of his own some day.

Yet, even with all of those high aspirations, the life of acting does come with consequences.

"It's more mentally draining then psychically draining," Cyr says when talking about what it takes to act.

It gets even more strenuous when Cyr describes the acting side coupled with the student side of life at college.

He has to "be able to throw myself completely into a character as much as possible for five hours a night all week, and then come back and write papers until 2 a.m."

How does he handle it? According to Cyr, Sunday football is what he drives at each week.

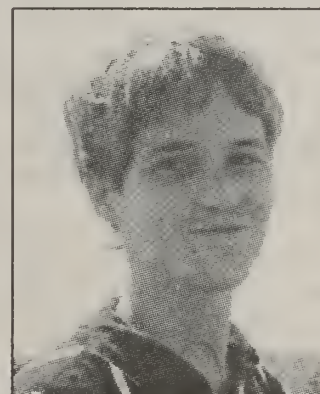
If you ask his friends and peers, all of the work has paid off.

"I've always thought that he's been the best. Not many people can act like him," Ian Entrot, Cyr's roommate and friend of four years, says of his acting prowess.

The numerous plays that Cyr has been involved in at school, from Black Box appearances in *True West* to a short presentation of Shakespeare's *Othello* in class, demonstrate that his acting is structured, serious, and all-encompassing of the characters in the scripts.

Watch him on stage, when the lights center around him and the costume he puts on, and you won't see Bryant Cyr, you'll see the character he plays.

When asked what his method of acting was, Cyr said that there is more than one



method: the Modern Method and the Chekhovian Method. In his words, the Modern Method is when an actor "becomes" the character. He involves himself in everything that the character is and stands for, to the point where the actor literally becomes the character on stage or in movies.

"You have to learn how to turn it off, and my personal technique is something that I use in my directing all the time where before you ever step foot on stage and start rehearsals, you learn about the character, and then you do exercises of turning it off, turning it on, until they can literally do it like a flick of a switch. You got to be able to shake off the character."

Some people can do this technique without problems, but as Cyr explained, this wasn't the case with him. When he did his stage reading

for *True West*, he said that it was hard for him to shake off the character.

"I had this character who had to get emotionally wrapped up in the fact that he was losing everything," Cyr explained.

He found a song that allowed him to get emotionally into his scene in the right way and although the performance went off quite well, he had trouble shutting off the character.

According to Cyr, he kept "playing it over and over again during the scene, and it got me so emotionally unraveled and so emotionally into the scene that at the end of the performance, I would come home and I wouldn't be able to sleep because that song was still stuck in my head."

He was able to get over it, but it took time. Since then, Cyr has used the Chekhovian Method, in which the actor plays the character on the surface, but is fully detached on the inside. In this method, the actors play the characters and inside, they are still themselves.

Though his acting style has led him to play roles in each of the Student Theatre Association plays, there will always be both praise and critical analysis of his work.

"He is a phenomenal actor, you can tell, being around him both as an actor and as a roommate," says Brendan Carroll, roommate of Bryant. "You can really tell the time and preparation he has put into every character he has had."

Cyr's last words were about the critics, and how little criticism affects him: "Every time I go out there to audition, there's a huge risk of someone not liking the work I do."

"That's the key thing about acting; you got to get past the critics. There are always going to be critics, and you're not going to please everyone."

MTV's new show "Skins" causing more trouble than it's worth

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Congratulations MTV, you have just premiered a show that some parents compare to child pornography and has advertisers dropping like flies.

The new MTV show "Skins" is the worst piece of garbage that as ever appeared on my television set ever.

"Skins" is the story of a group of friends in high school, and detail all of the trouble they get into.

The show is similar to that of a soap opera and each episode concentrates on one of the main characters.

The show is a remake of a far superior British programme. The British "Skins" was notable not only for its blunt and casual depiction of teen sex and drug use, but also for the fact that most of its writing staff had an average age of 21 and was based on very recent, culturally-specific experience.

I was shocked by the trash that MTV presented. The cast is filled with unlikable stars who only say interesting things to get a controversial reaction from the viewing public.

For a network that glamorizes teen pregnancy

and random beach hookups, they're going to have to try a lot harder.

The show remains faithful to the original (at least in tone), but with a cast of kids who really can't act with any sense of realism, the show just comes across as dull.

To put things into perspective, here is what occurred in the first episode of "Skins": The kids got drunk, got high, went to a brothel, bought weed, stole a car, and one character overdosed on pills.

It really doesn't help that I can't stand the kid who plays Tony.

James Newman lacks the sort of cool demeanor that his character needs in order to make the crazy stuff he does believable.

In the British version, Tony was obnoxious, but you understood why everyone was drawn to him and put up with his trouble.

However, in this version Tony comes across as someone whose friends would have dropped him years ago for the crap he pulls.

What makes a great show is how viewers connect with the characters. The characters can act like idiots but they have to have some

redeemable characteristics that allow viewers to identify with them.

The show claims that it presents relatable stories about relatable kids, but when the show instead coasts on its raunchy reputation, why bother with real substance?

Real substance takes a lot more work. Work that the UK "Skins" already put in WITH all the sex and drugs rolled in.

That's where the problem with the direct comparison comes in: instead of waiting around for the American remake to catch up, I'd rather just watch the UK version instead.

Surely, there are talented American writers not long out of their teens who could have helped craft a new group of characters and stories that reflected their own experiences - and with enough sex, drugs, and mayhem to please MTV's need for extra attention.

In addition, if MTV wanted more attention, it got it, in the hand of the PTC (The Parents Television Council).

That pressure is already beginning to mount. Advertisers including Taco Bell, Wrigley Gum, H&R Block, and GM announced they're pulling their commercials from future



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shows.

The Parents Television Council called on the chairmen of the U.S. Senate and House Judiciary committees and the Department of Justice to open investigations about what the PTC alleges is child pornography on "Skins" involving actors as young as

fifteen.

In addition to the pornography charges, PTC chairman Tim Winter said in a letter to the committee chairs that the group also wants an investigation into allegations of excessive references to drugs and alcohol on the program.

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Owls top Falcons at buzzer for nest supremacy

Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

Westfield State's men's basketball team emerged victorious on Tuesday night, taking down MASCAC rival Fitchburg State on the road in thrilling fashion 57-55.

Westfield (6-12) was led by a huge performance from sophomore center Matt Devine and some late game heroics from senior captain Chris Jurkowski.

The Owls would sprint out to an 8-0 lead to start the contest, opening with a 3-pointer from Jurkowski.

However, the Falcons were undeterred and clawed their way back into the contest by utilizing the long ball.

Fitchburg also went

to its bench early and often and was rewarded by the play of reserves Jeremy Kimber and Kyle Berk, who would finish the night with 11 and 16 points respectively.

The Owls' big men finally began to utilize their size in the first half, and the birds in blue headed into the intermission with a 24-23 lead.

Westfield once again sprinted out of the gates to a nine point lead to begin the second half, but the Falcons refused to back down in their own cage and kept it close throughout.

Berk's shooting kept the Falcons in the game, as he would drill back to back three-pointers to tie the game at 55-55 with three seconds on the horn.

This prize fight would

not go to the scorecards, however, as the Owls put the ball in play before Fitchburg could call timeout, allowing Jurkowski to deliver the knockout blow with a lay-up as time expired.

"Captain Crunch" would finish the game with only five points, but they came at crucial moments in the game's opening minutes and the final second.

Devine would lead all scorers with 20 points while also snagging 12 boards for the double-double.

Junior forward Marcellus Lee and freshman guard Andrew Morgan finished with nine points each for the birds in blue.

The Owls return to action tomorrow, January 29,



Photo by Cindy Williamson

Sophomore Matt Devine had a double-double in Westfield's win over Fitchburg State.

when they face off against the 3:00 p.m. at the Woodward Bears of Bridgewater State at Center.

Westfield State University weekly sports roundup

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's basketball team continued its impressive play so far this season with a 70-50 win over Fitchburg State on Tuesday, January 25.

The Owls (12-5, 4-1 MASCAC) were led by senior captains Ashley Finnegan and Cassy Jouannet, who each posted double-doubles in the win.

Finnegan led all scorers with 21 points while collecting 11 rebounds and Jouannet added 17 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 blocks.

Westfield got off to a hot start from the opening tip and never looked back. Leading 12-0 less than six minutes into the game, sophomore guard Briana Kelly continued to pad the Owls' lead by hitting five of eight three-point shots on her



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Westfield Freshman Stephen Tellier scored the fame-tying goals against Fitchburg State.

way to 19 points.

Fitchburg (8-8, 2-3 MASCAC) hit a dismal 25% of its total field goals but got strong contributions from its bench, with 31 of its 50 total points

coming from bench players.

The Owls will hit the court again tomorrow, January 29, against Bridgewater State with tip-off set for 1:00 p.m. at the Woodward Center.

WSU's men's ice hockey team came away with a thrilling 3-3 tie last Saturday afternoon against Fitchburg State.

While thrilling and tie usually don't come in the same sentence, Westfield freshman Stephen Tellier made the two words fit by scoring the game-tying goal with just 25 seconds remaining on the clock in regulation. Tellier's goal was the freshman's third of the season.

The Owls (2-12-2, 1-7-1 MASCAC) pulled starting goalie Ian Wilson with under a minute to go in the game to gain a one man advantage that led to Tellier's goal.

Neither team was able to score in the five minute overtime period and the game ended as a 3-3 draw.

Trailing 1-0 midway through the first period, senior captain Dennis Zak tied the game at one apiece for Westfield

with his eighth goal of the season during a power play.

Sophomore Rory Wilkowich tied the game at 2-2 with his first goal of the season at the 9:36 mark of the second period.

Wilson stopped 32 of 35 shots in net for Westfield. The Owls will play a home game against Worcester State tomorrow night at 5:35 p.m.

Westfield State's women's swimming and diving team improved to 4-2 in dual meets this season with a 149-114 win over Bridgewater State last Saturday.

Westfield had nine first place finishes including sophomore Katie Cox, who won the 200 freestyle (2:07.86) and 100 backstroke (1:04.71) in her first meet of the season for the Owls.

Westfield junior Jennifer Rodger paced first in the 50 breaststroke (:35.72) and 100 breaststroke (1:19.02).

Opinion: Dark cloud lingers after great college football season

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

The most recent college football season concluded a couple of weeks ago and although the season brought many great moments, this season will always be remembered for the odd rulings that the NCAA made in regards to certain players.

Auburn quarterback Cam Newton and five Ohio State players including quarterback Terrell Pryor top that list. Though all six players had great years statistically, most people will not remember those stats, but rather the decisions that they made in the past.

In only one year, the NCAA was able to rule that a father and a third party can actively and shamelessly shop a player around for hundreds of thousands of dollars and then only receive insignificant punishment after getting caught. Really?

Cam Newton's father, Cecil Newton, shopped his kid around for universities to bid on and all he got for a punishment was that his access to the

Auburn football program was limited. Really?

How in the world could the NCAA not find this a little strange? To put this in better terms, the NCAA has made it possible for anyone who is a top tier high school prospect to be shopped around like an EBay item and not face any real punishment.

It doesn't matter what kind of athlete you are, as long as you say that you had no idea what your parent was doing then it's perfectly okay.

Do we really think that Cam Newton's father cared that he was given limited access? Please. With his son now going to the NFL he has nothing to worry about.

What Cecil Newton did, if anything, was to provide a very nice map for any parent who is looking to make a quick buck off their children (or in this case nearly \$200,000 off his son).

Now everyone with his or her hands out knows the NCAA is powerless to do anything – just as long as the kid has that plausible deniability.

Therefore, the story ends with Cam Newton; he

won the Heisman, a National Championship and now will probably be selected in the first round of the NFL draft.

However, will any of his college achievements still stand in a couple of years? Probably not.

The NCAA got wise and stripped Reggie Bush of his Heisman after finally concluding that he received improper benefits at school. The same situation could happen to Newton a few years down the line.

Then there is the whole Terrell Pryor and Ohio State mess. We recently learned that those five players from the Ohio State football team did not know it was a no-no to sell championship rings, game gear and personal awards for cash. Why didn't they know?

According to the NCAA release, the players "did not receive adequate rules education" from the school at the time of the transgressions, which occurred in 2009.

The NCAA suspended Buckeyes' quarterback Terrelle Pryor, running back Daniel Herron, receiver DeVier Posey, offensive tackle Mike Adams

and defensive lineman Solomon Thomas for the first five games of the 2011 season.

But wait, if these players are suspended for next year's games, then why weren't they suspended for the Sugar Bowl game (a game in which Ohio State beat Arkansas 31-26) that was played on January 4?

The NCAA has done it again, producing a ruling that goes against common sense and provokes suspicions about ulterior motives.

In the open-and-shut Ohio State case, the NCAA delayed punishment long enough so that the five Buckeyes were able to play another game that brought in a huge revenues-and-ratings payload.

The NCAA cited the "we didn't know" defense as one justifying factor in this decision.

Another was the fact that postseason play provides a "unique opportunity" and is "evaluated differently" when it comes to suspensions, according to an NCAA Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement policy that was enacted in 2004.

The real issue that I had with this situation was the fact that these particular rule breakers had the option to go pro instead of dealing with the consequences.

Am I wrong to think that people who get busted for breaking the rules should face their punishment as soon as possible?

But no, it wasn't in this case. The NCAA had an opportunity to make a statement to those players and not allow them to play in the big bowl game, but they failed.

The only good thing about this Ohio State situation is that the five players who were suspended did not turn pro and will return to school where they will serve their punishment next season.

So there you have it, future NCAA rules breakers of America (and your parents). Go for the gold. When you get caught, shrug and say, "Why, I had no idea."

Blame it on your dad and/or a negligent compliance staff at your university – because the NCAA will let you off with an insignificant punishment, instead of doing the right thing.

Westfield student ready for Super Bowl despite Patriots' loss

Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

Students at Westfield State will still be enjoying the atmosphere of the Super Bowl even though their home town team won't be playing in the big game.

"The Super Bowl is like an extension of the holiday season," said Luke Dizzago, a sophomore at WSU. "You have Christmas, New Years and the Super Bowl, so I will definitely be watching it."

Fans were extremely

disappointed after the Patriots' heart breaking loss to the Jets in the divisional round of the playoffs since the Pats were the top seed in the AFC and had a great shot at the Lombardi trophy.

These diehard football fans, however, enjoy the game enough to watch the rest of the playoffs despite New England's early exit.

"Now I need to watch the rest of the playoffs to cheer for the teams that play the Jets," Westfield student Megan Bishop said.

Out of 50 students

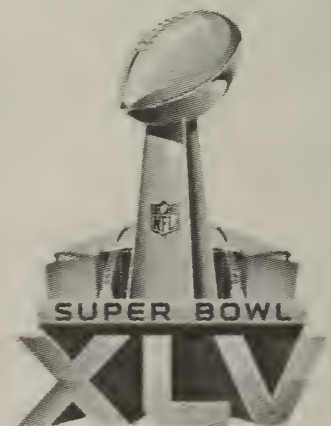


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surveyed, 35 were Patriots

fans who were still going to watch the game, seven weren't Patriots fans and were going to watch the game, three were Patriots fans who were not going to watch the game and five weren't football fans at all.

The Super Bowl is a national event and millions of people who don't like football will put it on so they can throw a party.

Westfield State student Steven Tetrault said "I don't like football, but I do enjoy the commercials and the parties that people throw."

Even though Tom Brady will not be throwing touchdown passes to Wes Welker, Danny Woodhead won't be tearing through a defense and Devin McCourty won't be picking off any passes on February 6th, the Westfield State Residents Halls will still be filled with cheers and boos for the teams that have made it.

The Packers and Steelers will face off in the big game and no matter which team you're rooting for, there will be fun for all on Super Bowl Sunday.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



The first Facebook status I saw after the Patriots' bitterly disappointing playoff loss to the Jets was as follows: So when do pitchers and catchers report?

Thinking about the start of baseball season didn't make me feel any better, but it has me asking a similar question for completely different reasons: Is it spring yet?

Now don't get me wrong, I love the winter and I love the snow. I'm from New England for gosh sakes, I better like the snow – or at least be able to tolerate it.

But I'm already tired of the cold days we've been having lately and I'm ready for some warm weather. Plus, after the Super Bowl next week there won't be a meaningful sporting event until March Madness starts – the best sporting event of the year.

February sucks for sports fans. What do I have to look forward to? The NBA All-Star Game? The Daytona 500? Spring training?

Give me a break. And if you want to tell me the Daytona 500 is meaningful to anyone living north of the Mississippi you need to stop lying to yourself.

Anyway, I don't know what I'm going to write about for the next month or so... maybe the Australian Open?

No, don't worry, I'm not being serious. Nothing against tennis – I respect the sport immensely but have absolutely nothing significant to say about it. If you want to read about tennis, even if you're not a fan, check out Andre Agassi's autobiography "Open." It's a great book.

Hope you enjoyed that last paragraph tennis fans because it's the only time I'll mention the sport all year...

Never have I had so much trouble trying to write a column as I am writing this week's. Heck, most of the

time I could easily write twice as much as I do and I always end up having to delete a few paragraphs to get everything to fit on this page.

And it's pretty sad too, considering that this is the first column I've written in almost two months and hundreds of sports related events have happened during that span.

But I haven't watched ESPN, or really any sports for that matter outside of the Dew Tour in Killington, VT, since the Pats loss two weeks ago.

Am I bitter? Maybe. But the Patriots are the team I've always been the most passionate about since I was a kid and seeing them lose to foot lover Rex Ryan and the New York-(fill in the blank with an expletive word of your choice)-Jets literally made me sick to my stomach.

I don't want to talk about the game. Go turn on ESPN if you want to hear a bunch of bone headed pundits tirelessly analyze the game for hours on end.

I could tell you all the things that went wrong in the game, but plain and simple the Patriots sucked and the Jets played great. The Jets wanted it more and they deserved to win. It was the Super Bowl to Rex Ryan and he can now hoist his figurative Lombardi Trophy.

But the last thing I wanted to do after the game was listen to a bunch of morons who make millions of dollars telling me everything I could have said myself. Outside of skiing, snowboarding and a couple college basketball games (and the two NFL conference championship games last weekend of course), I haven't watched sports for the past two weeks.

I guess that's why writing this column has been a little bit harder.

Now unlike most Boston fans who want spring to come for their beloved Red

Sox to start playing, I just want it to come for warmer weather, postseason basketball and the NFL Draft.

Don't get me wrong, I've been a Red Sox fan since birth and baseball was my first love in life.

But I lost my passion for baseball after playing the tedious game since I was three years old and lost my passion for the Sox a couple of years ago... maybe I'll find it again in the near future.

The 2004 World Series run by the Red Sox was one of the best sports moments of my life. That team was exciting and a ton of fun to watch.

But it's been hard to get excited over the past couple years watching J.D. Drew make \$14 million to hit .270 and lethargically strut around the outfield and see the Red Sox eat up Julio Lugo's ridiculous \$36 million contract.

Speaking of this, I think during February I'll continue my Red Sox pessimism and devote an entire column explaining why Theo Epstein is a completely overrated general manager.

Another bruise toward my passion for the Sox came when I became old enough to realize that it was extremely hypocritical to attack the Yankees for buying championships when the Red Sox attempt to do the same exact thing.

As for the 2011 Red Sox, I'll touch on the team further as we get closer to the start of the season, but for a quick preview I think that all of the hype is... well just that – a lot of hype.

I'm sure that most Red Sox fans, myself included, have never actually seen prized pickup Adrian Gonzalez play a single game. Sure, I've seen his highlights on Baseball Tonight, but never actually watch him play a game.

The Sox projected starting lineup features five left handed batters including a completely left handed outfield. Interesting, but it sounds like a mistake to me. Jarrod Saltamont is the projected starting catcher and 35-year-old Marco Suctaro, whose best days are certainly behind him, is the team's starting shortstop.

What was wrong with Alex Gonzalez? Theo let him go twice... what is it with that guy and shortstops? I could write another column entirely about the multitude of shortstops that Theo has bounced between over the past seven years.

Now that I think of it, I have a lot more to say about the Red Sox, particularly their pitching staff.

But alas, I'm out of room... I guess I'll have something to write about during February now.

Anyway, thanks for reading boys and girls. Have a great weekend and send me your questions, comments and angry tirades to westfieldvoice.sports@yahoo.com. Enjoy the big game this weekend... the NFL Pro Bowl.

Just kidding, the Pro Bowl is an absolute joke unless your name is Michael Vick and you need all the bonus money you can get your hands on to get creditors off your back.

Okay, enough, I'm done. I'll be back next week with my Super Bowl predictions and some great Australian Open analysis! ;) Later folks.

Upcoming WSU Home Games



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Men's Basketball vs. MCLA @ 7:30 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth State @ 7:35 p.m.



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2010 college football season ends with Auburn on top

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

In a season with unexpected finishes and emerging stars, the 2010 college football season didn't disappoint.

To begin the season, the Alabama Crimson Tide were the leading choice of many experts to defend their national title run of a year ago.

To the regret of the Crimson Tide faithful, the week to week grind of the SEC got the best of the very talented squad with returning stars on both sides of the ball.

The Heisman race all season was extremely difficult to track week to week. In the first few weeks of the season players in the race included Terrelle Pryor, Denard Robinson, Kellen Moore, Landry Jones and Mark Ingram.

Kellen Moore, who placed fourth in the voting, was the only player out the bunch who was even invited to the ceremony in New York City.

Around midseason when people started to recognize Auburn quarterback Cam Newton, accusations came out against his father for expressing to college coaches

that a lot of money was going to be needed to have his son attend their institution.

These claims were heavily reviewed by the NCAA and made Heisman voters rethink their decision of whether or not to vote for this well deserving player to avoid another Reggie Bush scandal.

When it was all said and done, the NCAA moved quickly into finding out Newton's innocence in the subject matter. Newton was cleared of any knowledge or involvement in the scandal and went on to win the Heisman Trophy by one of the largest margins in history.

As usual, small school head coaches went onto greener pastures like UConn's former head coach Randy Edsall. A

fter UConn's biggest bowl game in school history, Edsall left the team to get on a plane heading to the University of Maryland to interview for their open head coaching position.

Brady Hoke of San Diego State accepted the head coaching job at Michigan where he was an assistant coach from 1995 to 2002 underneath Lloyd Carr.

Jim Harbaugh from Stanford decided to leave the college game behind to take

on an even greater challenge in the NFL coaching the San Francisco 49ers.

Towards the end of every college football season the argument of whether the BCS system will ever change always emerges.

I believe the BCS committee, like they usually do, got it right this season. They created favorable matchups to see how teams would compete with each other on a big stage.

The Sugar Bowl hosted Arkansas (SEC team) versus a Big Ten powerhouse Ohio State. Another undefeated season by TCU earned them a spot in the grand daddy of them all, the Rose Bowl, against the highest BCS ranked co-champion of the Big Ten, Wisconsin.

TCU had a chance to prove to the nation they were for real and showed up when it mattered most, defeating Wisconsin 21-19.

The Horned Frogs base 4-2-5 defense is the mold that holds that team together year after year.

The BCS National Title game consisted of the two most deserving schools this season, both of whom were ranked outside the top 10 in the pre-season rankings, the Oregon



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Cam Newton was awarded the 2010 Heisman Trophy despite controversy surrounding his father.

Ducks and the Auburn Tigers. the SEC's winning streak continue in the national title game with five straight National Championships coming from the home the hardware, helping SEC.

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Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You need to be sure that you pay plenty of attention to your most important responsibilities. Even if part of you may want to be out having fun and getting into a little trouble, there are bound to be quite a few things that you'll have to deal with.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Make sure that you spend plenty of time trying to sort out any financial matters that have been troubling you lately. You definitely won't be able to have everything just the way you'd like, and you'll have to be making a few sacrifices.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You'll undoubtedly have to spend plenty of time dealing with other people's needs and concerns today. And you need to be careful how you handle any tricky issues involving your finances.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You'll really want to focus as much of your attention as possible on your most important relationships today. But there will be a number of other things that you'll need to deal with at the moment.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You'll really have to focus on some sort of work or other responsibilities that you'll have. You may feel like doing your own thing and having a little fun.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
The focus is bound to fall on your personal life. You may be feeling a little torn between your desire to go out and have a little fun and the demands of your home and family life.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Be sure that you pay plenty of attention to any sort of family concerns that you've been having lately. You're bound to be pretty busy at the moment.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Now's a great time to sort through any thoughts you've been having lately and finally come to some sort of resolution about what you need to do to give yourself a fresh financial start.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
The focus is bound to be falling on your finances. This should be a time of new beginnings for you, and you really need to figure out how to make a fresh start where your financial picture is concerned.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Don't forget to pay attention to anything that you have to do for other people. You're bound to want to focus a little more on your own needs and concerns and won't feel much like being quite as self-sacrificing as you've been.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
If you've felt like spending a little time with some of your friends lately, other duties or obligations may have been keeping you a little too busy to really be able to get away.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You're bound to want to spend a little time focusing on your friends and your social life this week. And you'll really feel like getting out and enjoying yourself.

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Friday mornings

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Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:30a.m.-8:00p.m.

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Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00 p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Dunkin' Donuts

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Friday 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

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Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

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There are plenty of ways to get involved at WSU

Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

Do you want to find a way to get involved at Westfield State for the summer or next school year?

Ever wonder what all those posters flying around campus about Resident Assistants or Orientation Leaders are all about?

Do you want one of those really cool sweatshirts?

Well, here are the answers to those burning questions.

It is the season and the time has come again for the hiring process for Westfield State's New Student Orientation summer program and Resident Assistant positions for next school year.

Posters cover the walls of residential halls and academic buildings, trying to get students more involved on campus.

Both programs offer a great experience that not only looks good on a resume, but also helps students learn skills necessary in the real world, meet some amazing people, and become one of the many faces of Westfield.

New Student Orientation is a program that many students here have probably completed.

Every new student and transfer student is asked to participate.

New students participate in a two-day, one night retreat on campus and transfer students

parent team members who lead the groups of parents, and the logistic team members who do all of the behind-the-scenes work.

These three groups work

depending on the residence building they live in.

RAs are required to put on programs that allow the students to meet their hall members, learn something new, and of course, to have fun.

The Resident Assistants are also there to help students adjust to campus life and provide a sense of security throughout the building.

Both of these opportunities, to apply for a position as a Resident Assistant or an Orientation Leader, are coming up fast and the deadlines are right around the corner.

If you feel that these positions interest you, don't hesitate to ask your RA, former Orientation Leader, or visit the Residential Life website or office to inquire about the position.

Having fun, learning something new, being a leader, and having a resume-worthy experience are only an application away.

The application for Orientation Leaders can be picked up at the Office of Residential Life and are due by Friday, February 25, 2011 at 4p.m.

The application for Resident Assistants can also be picked up in the Office of Residential Life and are due by Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 4p.m.



2010 Orientation team - Being an Orientation Leader or RA is a great way to get interpersonal skills and meet many people you may not have known otherwise.

participate in a half-day program. The program consists of different elements that help students adjust to their new chapter of life: college.

The Orientation team is broken up into three teams: the student team members who lead the groups of students, the

together to create an awesome experience for the students.

Resident Assistants, or as many students call them, RAs are resources to everything on campus during the school year.

Each Resident Assistant is assigned a certain number of rooms

Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657
Public Safety - 5262
Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

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Wellness Center Hours:

Sun - 3:00pm-8:00pm
Mon-Thur - 7:00am-9:00pm
Fri - 7:00am-6:00pm
Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Quick Hits

Friday, Feb. 4

8:00p.m. - Live Band
Karaoke
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Feb. 5

1:00p.m. - Women's
Basketball vs. Salem
State
Woodward Center

3:00p.m. - Men's Bas-
ketball vs. Salem State
Woodward Center

5:35p.m. - Men's Ice
Hockey v s. Framing-
ham State
Amelia Park

7:00p.m. - Roller Rink
Parenzo Gym

Sunday, Feb. 6

6:00p.m. - Xbox on
the Big Screen
Ely Main Lounge

Noble Hospital celebrates National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week

Noble Hospital Staff

Most heart disease patients can help lower their risk of future heart problems if they make changes to improve their health, according to the American Heart Association's website.

Building a healthier future is a partnership between you and the doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals who can help you change your health habits. You can play an active role in making these changes.

In honor of Cardiac Rehabilitation Week, February 13 to 19, Noble Hospital invites you to attend an open house on Wednesday, February 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cardiac Center, on the Ground Floor of the Hospital at 115 West Silver Street in Westfield.

In addition to light

refreshments, the open house will include free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings. Information will also be available on heart disease and a variety of related topics, including heart attacks, stroke, and advanced directives. A registered dietician from the Hospital's Dietary Department will also be on hand to discuss elements of a heart healthy diet.

Free and open to the public, this event is particularly geared toward men and women, ages 30 to 60, according to Anne Standish RN, Chair of the Building Bridges Committee and co-coordinator of the open house.

"This age group is most at risk (for heart disease) because they are so involved with their own children or parents. As caretakers, their own health becomes secondary," Standish said. "They may not realize that

they may have issues, which if taken care of now, can prevent larger problems later in life."

Building Bridges is an all-volunteer effort led by Noble nurses and other health care professionals aimed at providing community outreach and education to local organizations and businesses. Building Bridges conducts "Day of Health" programs at employee-based sites, sharing time and expertise with employees.

Noble Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation team works with patients to improve functional capacity, alleviate or lessen symptoms related to physical activity, reduce disability and identify and modify multiple risk factors to decrease subsequent cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.

According to Brenda Jaeger RN, Nurse Manager

ICU/Telemetry/Cardiology, the program utilizes a holistic, comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach. It is open to anyone who has had a heart attack, open-heart surgery, angioplasty, congestive heart failure, and other various cardiac events or procedures.

The Noble Hospital Cardiac Center has responded to the growing needs of our neighbors in the greater Westfield area with a complete Cardiac Center designed to provide extensive cardiac care in one convenient location.

The Center is equipped with the latest, state-of-the-art, diagnostic and monitoring tools, and staffed by highly skilled cardiologists.

For more information call 413-568-2811, ext. 5829. For more information about the Cardiac Center, call 413-568-2811, ext. 5135. Or, visit www.noblehospital.com.

College students turning to digital textbooks

Alex Myers

Co-Editor-In-Chief

It used to be normal to pick up a book and actually hold it in your hands. Well, with the times now changing and becoming more technological, books are changing, too.

CourseSmart is the world's largest provider of digital course material. It has over

90% of the textbooks students need for core classes as eTextbooks for instant internet access.

It is no surprise that iPads and other tech items dominated this holiday season. Nicole Bassaleh, on behalf of CourseSmart, said, "College students are catching on – digital course materials are expected to gain in popularity amongst smart, savvy, time-conscious

students who want to do well and do more in 2011 and beyond.

Students, now, are heading back to campuses paper-free and are saving trees and money using CourseSmart eTextbooks.

According to Bassaleh, eTextbooks are great for any and all users for multiple reasons: instant access and eTextbooks are always in

stock with no shipping charges, free iPad or iPhone apps to read and interact with an entire stack of eTextbooks, and no returns hassle or post office trips after a dropped class.

If eTextbooks are for you, visit the CourseSmart website at www.coursesmart.com. Follow them on Twitter at: @CourseSmart or check them out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CourseSmart.

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please and can be either anonymous or can include your name (you must note that you do not want your name listed otherwise it will be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.

Politics plus creativity equals positive change

Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

Politics is a word used to describe a process we all know so well. "Poli", meaning many, and "tics" meaning both blood sucking insects and random muscle spasms.

When it comes to politics, many of us are bored to tears.

Other than the occasional shoe throwing or radical new law, it's hard to keep up with the government without falling asleep.

Every now and then though, you hear about a leader who is proud, noble, heroic, and at the same time, just down right cool.

Antanas Mockus was the mayor of Bogotá, the capital of Colombia.

In 1995, he became the mayor of a country in despair. Crime rates were high, drug rates were higher, and the people wanted and needed a change.

Under Mayor Mockus, water usage dropped 40%, 7,000 community security groups were formed, the homicide rate fell 70%, traffic fatalities dropped by over 50%, drinking water was provided to all homes, and sewerage was provided to 95% of all homes in Bogotá. It's impressive, by itself.

But this is not what makes former Mayor Mockus stand out.

It's the way he achieved these goals. Antanas Mockus took this major city and encouraged civic engagement, meaning having the citizens improve their own situations.

To improve the traffic violations and crimes, Mockus hired 420 mimes to stand at the intersections of the city.

He believed that people would be less likely to be aggressive or violate the law if they were going to be mocked

by a mime rather than fined. Who would've thought, but it worked.

With his country's favorite sport being soccer, Mockus came up with another idea to help keep the peace.

In soccer, when a foul or other rule is broken, the player or players are given a red flag. So Mockus decided to pass out red and green cards to his people.

When you saw someone doing something "foul", the idea was to show or give them the red card. While this may seem silly, it actually worked really well.

Because of social pressure, many of those "foul doers" stopped their behavior, seeking instead to earn the green card, which would be given or shown when something honorable or nice was done.

Think of it this way; every time you do something nice, you become a small hero, recognized by your fellow citizens.

Another thing Mockus did for his city was called "Women's Night". It was a night on which men were asked to stay home to look after the house and children, and the women were encouraged to go out.

There were open air concerts, specials at the restaurants and bars, and it was all policed and controlled by the city's female officers. Wouldn't that be a nice thing to have around here?

In order to get his city's water use down, the mayor himself, originally a professor of mathematics and philosophy, shed his clothes on public television.

He appeared in a commercial fully nude, standing in a shower.

He then turns off the water, and encourages his citizens to do the same. You couldn't see anything inappropriate of him. But it

definitely caught the city's attention.

He also designated Sundays, the Holy day of the week, to be a car free time. The center of the city was closed down to regular traffic, and only bicycles and pedestrians were allowed through. So once a week, the cars of Bogotá were turned off in favor of a much more environmentally friendly alternative.

Colombia having the 3rd largest Latin population in the world, this made quite the difference that its largest city did what it could to help the environment.

In 2003, Mockus stepped down as Mayor, much to the city's disappointment. He was replaced by Luis Eduardo Garzon, who continued his precedent's campaign for a better city.

In 2004, Mockus taught Spanish for 2 years at Harvard University. Also that year he was voted Lithuanian of the year. In February 2008, he was a major speaker at the World Conference on Development of Cities.

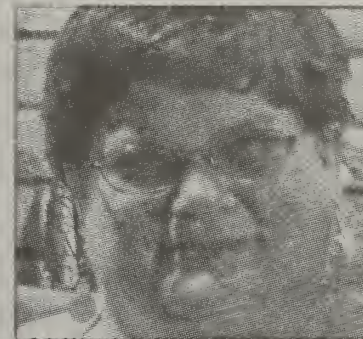
He is now the president of a company called Corprovisionarios, a major company devoted to consulting cities about addressing their problems through similar means that were so successful for Mockus while he was Mayor.

This past New Year, Colombia was voted the number one destination for Americans to go to celebrate the New Year.

A great difference from its previous title as number one exporter of cocaine and one of the highest crime and violence rates of Latin America.

In ten short years, Antanas Mockus and his fellow politicians changed Bogotá, Colombia into a model city and one of the best tourist populations in the world. It just goes to show you what a little creativity can do.

Student Spotlight



Name: Dawn Berard
Hometown: South Hadley, MA.
Major: Liberal Studies

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I've been attending WSU since 1986 off and on through raising a family of 4 (all teenagers now ages 13-19). I am hoping to work for a newspaper or have a photography business. I am also hoping to raise awareness about bullying nationally.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

Firework - Katy Perry

If you had the chance to invite any person over for dinner, who would it be and what would you talk about?

I'd invite the Dalai Lama and we'd talk about Buddhism, something that has always fascinated me. It even led to a family trip in 2008!

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Since I have always lived off campus, perhaps the most memorable moment was this; being in the Student Spotlight!

Lucky Number?

14

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

Letter to the Editor:

Abusive relationships

To the Editors,

No one should have to live in fear of the person they love. Domestic violence and abuse is often overlooked, excused, or denied. This is something that is affecting many lives every day.

Abuse may be physical or psychological. Both are very painful.

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and more than three women and murdered by their partners in this country every day. Don't let yourself become one of these statistics.

If you are being abused, you don't have to keep living that way.

Does the person you

love... constantly keep track of your time?; act jealous and possessive?; accuse you of being unfaithful?; discourage your relationships with friends and family?; prevent or discourage you from working, interacting with friends or attending school?; constantly criticize or belittle you?; control all finances and force you to account for what you spend?; humiliate you in front of others?; threaten to hurt you?; push, hit, slap, punch, kick, or bite you?; or force you to have sex against your will?

If some or all of these characteristics apply to your partner, you are in an abusive relationship. You must remind yourself that any form of abuse is unacceptable, no matter what the circumstances are.

Abusive relationships

typically cannot change without sustained therapy targeted towards the abusive relationship patterns.

Though, if your partner is unwilling to seek help for their behaviors, the best choice is to remove yourself from this relationship.

Remember that by staying you are condoning and enabling the abuse and helping your partner to stay sick.

Leaving may be painful, but it is better for yourself and your partner than allowing the abuse to continue.

Help is readily available for both parties in a relationship. Love should not be painful.

Sincerely,
Jillian Gibeault

Editor's Desk



Two snow days?? I'll take it! I almost feel bad for my Tuesday and Thursday's class professor. We've only had that class twice! But I'm so happy that Wednesday was cancelled because I have four classes on those days. I know, kill me.

The highlight of my week, other than the snow days, is that I get to go to the mall tomorrow! Rob is driving me, and he says he has a surprise for me? I'm a little scared. Just kidding, I'm wicked excited! Aren't boyfriends great?

So anyway... I *didn't* go to the Royal Rumble, so I don't really have much to talk about...except that Tommy D's chose really awkward drink names. Just saying.

Hope everyone enjoyed their snow days and got lots of homework done!

Samantha Fahey
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Tommy D's Thursday Night Beach Bash!

When? Thursday, February 10th

Wear your best Hawaiian beach outfit and win a prize!
\$25.00 prize for girls, and \$25.00 prize for guys.

Drink Specials:

Bud Light & Jager Promo: Bottle (\$2) & Shot (\$4) together - \$6

Love Potion: \$4.00

Pink A\$\$hole: \$3.50

Peckerhead: \$4.50

Shots: Pink Nipple - \$4.50

\$1.00 shot menu: Bend Me Over
Fruit Punch
Sweet Heart

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Letter to the Editor:

The problem with college

Dear WSU Voice,

I am writing on behalf of the academic schedule that students follow at Westfield State University.

Every student must take five classes each semester in order to graduate with a Bachelors Degree.

The amount of work a student completes for each class is overwhelming and stressful. We are constantly working on homework and trying to keep pace with the class.

Not only do we have to worry about classes, but we also have to worry about community service, clubs, and sports.

Students at Westfield State University are constantly working diligently to meet the needs and requirements of the college expectations.

The college insists that each student complete five classes each semester and also join a club, participate in a sport, or complete community service to make our resume look good.

If students enroll in four classes in one semester instead of five, they will most likely be left taking summer classes at the end of the year. It seems nearly impossible to take four classes each semester and end up graduating without taking a summer course.

By taking five courses, a student is spending most of their time on homework for each class and then the rest of their time goes to sports and clubs.

There is hardly enough time for a student to spend to themselves.

We are dragged down with hours and hours of homework each day and the rest of our time we spend on making our resume look better in order to receive a better career.

Not only is there a lot of time spent on classes, but it is also a lot of money.

I had to pay 935 dollars out of pocket to enroll in a necessary summer course. It is not easy to keep up ones grades, participate in extra activities, and hold down a job to pay for it all.

There is a lot of time and work that goes into completing college and it is hard on everyone's schedule.

The mission statement of Westfield State University is, "The Department of Academic Achievement provides students with the tools to explore academic opportunities as well as to plot strategies for continued growth. The staff of the Department of Academic Achievement has the growth and development of the student as its primary mission, and serves the needs and concerns of the student with the utmost priority."

If this statement is believed to be true, there should be less strain on each student's schedule and more acknowledgement and praise for what they have accomplished.

I recently enrolled in the movement science

program as a freshman.

The advisors told me it would be best if I take a summer course in order to "catch up."

I had completed four core courses and one major course in the fall semester and I am now taking five core classes this semester.

The entire time I thought I was at the right pace, but I had no idea that I had "fallen behind." In order to be considered to enroll in the major you must keep a 2.5 GPA and take certain courses.

I was lucky enough to get into the major and now I have to keep above a certain GPA and also complete community service, take internships, complete upper level courses, make portfolios, and constantly go to mandatory meetings.

The amount of work and requirements needed as a student is extremely overwhelming and stressful on our schedule.

Taking four classes each semester instead of five is a huge difference and it could relieve someone's schedule greatly.

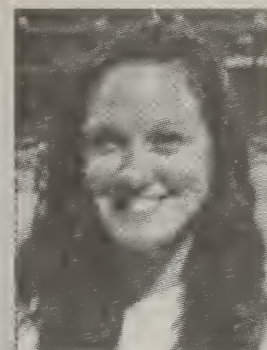
There would be more time for community service and clubs to enhance a student's resume.

There would also be less stress on us and allow us to do better by taking more time for each class.

Sincerely,
Corinne Lewis

Editor's note: The quote in the above text is from the 2009-2010 WSU Bulletin.

Editor's Desk



Oh, hey!

So two consecutive snow days this week, huh? I'm loving it, I'm loving it! Gives me time to catch up on sleep that was much needed this week!

So guess what I did on Sunday night?! I went to the Royal Rumble in Boston! For those of you that don't know, it's a wrestling event. I know, I'm a girl and I like wrestling so I must be weird right?

No, it was awesome, seriously! I had a blast. The only downfall was that I didn't get to sleep until about 1AM and I woke up at 5:45 to drive back to school. I slept for 12 hours Monday into Tuesday, though, so it made up for it! :) Alright, I'm out of room, bye! Thanks for reading!!

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REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Gavin DeGraw – Born Feb 4, 1977

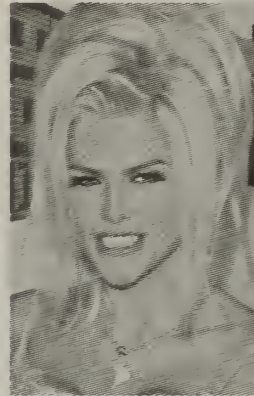


Gavin grew up in South Fallsburg, New York, the youngest of three children. When he was only eight

years old, Gavin began playing the piano and attending singing lessons. After high school, he attended Berklee College of Music with classmate John Mayer. His brother Joey convinced him to start writing his own songs. Now, Joey plays guitar and sings backup vocals in Gavin's band. Gavin's big break came when his song "I Don't

Want to Be" was chosen as the theme song for the popular teen drama One Tree Hill. Other popular singles include "Follow Through" and "Chariot" among others. His most recent album titled "Free" was released in 2009. According to DeGraw, his next album will release in April 2011 and will feature tracks co-written with other artists.

Anna Nicole Smith– Died Feb 8, 2007



Anna was born under the name Vickie Lynn Hogan. Her parents divorced when she was only two years old, and then her mother

married Donald Hart, so Anna changed her name from Vickie Hogan to Nikki Hart. She dropped out of high school during her sophomore year. While working as a waitress in a local restaurant, Anna, age 17, met Wayne Smith, age 16, and the two were married. Nine months later, they had a baby and named him Daniel. A year later the two were separated and

Anna began working at Wal-Mart until she became a stripper in 1991. In 1993, Hugh Hefner chose her to be Playmate of the Year, during which time she changed her name to Anna Nicole. In 1991, while performing at a strip club, Anna met J. Howard Marshall, age 89 and the two were soon married, but 13 months later, Marshall died, leading to a serious court case.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Book Review: Don't Tell A Soul

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

"Don't Tell a Soul," by David Rosenfelt, is a thriller about Tim Wallace, whose wife was killed in a boat explosion months before the novel begins. The police still suspect Tim, and he has to clear his name as he is the target of both the police and another threat.

First and foremost, this story has plot issues. The story is believable enough at first, but the plot spirals out of control and goes way beyond most readers' suspension of disbelief.

After a certain point, I had to put the book down because of the impossible

aspects it had, despite it being a complete work of fiction.

The writing is nothing different than most thrillers, although the dialogue can be charming at times.

The character development is average, and you will find the main standard protagonist, a few other protagonists, and a standard detective after Tim, the main character. In fact, there is very little out of the ordinary here.

This book might entertain you if you are looking for something to keep you moderately excited at night, but it is likely you will find other options out there better than this book. 4 out of 10.

Parks and Recreation: TV's top-rated comedy returns

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

The third season of "Parks and Recreation", starring the hilarious Amy Poehler, opens with a flashback of the last season's final revelation: due to a budget crisis the parks program will be shut down.

So Leslie, Poehler's character, brings the parks department together and suggests a "go big or go home" project: one that will either save the department or cost everyone their job.

Moreover, under ridiculous pressure and tight deadlines, Leslie and company begin doing some of their most impressive work ever.

Poehler's ability to play both crazy and straight works great alongside her co-stars, who are also brilliantly cast. Nick Offerman plays TV's funniest character in Leslie's nominal boss, Ron Swanson, a



Photo by popcrunch.com

mustachioed man's man who works as a civil servant because he hates government.

In the season premiere, Ron gets to embrace his inner Bobby Knight while coaching a kid's basketball team and it is just as silly and inspiring as you would expect.

Everyone in the ensemble has become a go-to character player: Aziz Ansari's Tom for his over the top selfishness, Chris Pratt's Andy for his childlike enthusiasm

and knowledge base, Aubrey Plaza's April for her carefully maintained armor of sarcasm, and Rashida Jones as Leslie's best friend Ann.

Also, two new characters have been introduced, played by Rob Lowe and Adam Scott. Scott plays Ben, the sidekick who plays the bad cop to Chris' (Lowe) super positive good cop.

"Parks and Recreation" is on Thursdays at 9:30 on NBC.

Read any good books lately? Seen any good movies?

WRITE ABOUT IT!

It's such a cool feeling to see your name in print!

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Bruno Mars - Grenade
2. Katy Perry - Firework
3. Wiz Khalifa - Black and Yellow
4. Enrique Iglesias ft. Ludacris & DJ Frank E - Tonight (I'm Lovin' You)
5. Rihanna ft. Drake - What's My Name?
6. Britney Spears - Hold It Against Me
7. Ke\$ha - We R Who We R
8. Pink - Raise Your Glass
9. Black Eyed Peas - The Time (Dirty Bit)
10. Pitbull ft. T-Pain - Hey Baby

Top Movies

1. The Rite
2. No Strings Attached
3. The Mechanic
4. The Green Hornet
5. The King's Speech

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Paranormal Activity 2
2. Life As We Know It
3. It's Kind of a Funny Story
4. Spit on Your Grave
5. My Soul to Take

Top 5 Albums

1. The Decemberists - The King Is Dead
2. The Script - Science & Faith
3. Katy Perry - Teenage Dream
4. Taylor Swift - Speak Now
5. Nicki Minaj - Pink Friday

Concert review: Phish brings the "phun" to Worcester

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

I have been listening to Phish since they reunited in 2009, which is not long compared to many hardcore Phish "phans."

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending my first Phish show, and it was unbelievable. When I got to my seats, I could tell that it was going to be a great show; everyone was very excited and laid-back.

The lights dimmed and Phish came onstage: Trey Anastasio (guitar and vocals), Mike Gordon (bass and vocals), Jon Fishman (drums and vocals), and Page McConnell (piano/organ and vocals).

They opened their first set with Sample in a Jar, one of my favorite Phish tunes. Next, with Mike singing, they ripped into a cover of "Funky B****," followed by a rocking cover of The Velvet Underground's "Cool It Down." Trey and Mike exchanged looks during the fabulous extended jam on "Roggae."

"Heavy Things" was a crowd pleaser, with everyone dancing and singing along. They cooled things off with a bluesy, laid-back "What Things Seem" to launch into one of their

best loved live covers- Ween's "Roses Are Free"- which fit the scene perfectly, because it was just a few days after Christmas and there was supposed to be a snow storm that night.

Their next song, "It's Ice," was a similarly appropriate choice. They ended their first set with "Mountains in the Mist," filled with Trey's hauntingly beautiful vocals and Mike's plodding bass line. They closed their first set with another phan favorite, "Julius."

After an amazing, hour and a half first set, they took a half hour breather and returned with a super tight second set that had more jams than the first.

"Mike's Song" opened the second set, accompanied by phans cheering and whistling. "Mound" fired the crowd up in time for "Weekapaug Groove."

"Farmhouse" toned down the excitement leading into a wonderfully stretched out "Seven Below", which possibly featured the best playing of the night.

"What's The Use" followed, and then they launched "Twenty Years Later," a cut from their most recent record.

As the cheers from "Twenty Years Later" died down, Trey and Page chanted softly "I've been wading



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in the velvet sea," and I knew I was in for a treat.

"Wading in the Velvet Sea" is one of the many Phish songs fans really connect with emotionally. Page and Trey beautifully sang one of their most heart-wrenching songs.

A rousing "Possum" led the way into another top Phish song, "Cavern." "David Bowie," one of Phish's very humorous earlier songs, closed the second set.

After much cheering

and applause, Phish closed the show with an encore of The Rolling Stones' soulful "Loving Cup."

After the concert, I couldn't stop dancing or singing. I can't wait to go to many more Phish shows and have the same joyous experience all over again.

If you are looking for a great show by a band known for its live performances, I suggest you check out Phish. Here's hoping for a 2011 Summer Tour.

MTV's Jersey Shore takes it to Italy for the next season

Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

The cast of "Jersey Shore" is headed to the homeland. MTV has confirmed that the cast will travel to Italy next season for the network's top show.

According to MTV's Vice President Chris Linn, "The cast is headed to the birthplace of the culture they love and live

by. We can't wait to see what erupts as a result."

The network hasn't figured out exactly where the cast will stay, but they have been scouting locations for a few months now. They even tracked down Vinny's relatives in Italy to host a traditional Italian dinner for the American "guidos."

The cast will head to the discoteca instead of the club, "Palestra, abbronzatura and lavanderia" instead of

Gym, Tan, Laundry, and instead of shouting "The cabs are here!," Pauly D will get everyone together to climb into a gondola.

Of course, what would a season of "Jersey Shore" be if there wasn't an Italian-American group protesting?

As soon as the news caught wind to UNICO, the biggest Italian-American association in the United States, the protests started flaring.

"People go to the circus

to see the freaks - that is what this will be" said a UNICO rep to TMZ. "It will not only hurt Italians but all Americans ... their outrageous, reprehensible behavior will make us look like buffoons and bimbos."

Like it or not, the cast of "Jersey Shore" will be headed to Italy in the spring.

Come time for it to premiere on MTV, we'll have ourselves another top-rated season of "Jersey Shore." Now that's a situation!

Steelers and Packers face off in Super Bowl XLV

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

Super Bowl XLV will host two of the most storied franchises in NFL history on Sunday, February 6th. The Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers will take the field in Arlington, Texas to decide this season's NFL Super Bowl Champion.

The game will be held in Cowboys Stadium, also known as Jerry's World, in front of a record breaking crowd of 105,000.

ESPN reported earlier this week that ticket prices for this game will be at an average cost of \$3,100 and that parking spots outside the stadium will be costing fans up to \$900. Regardless of the extreme prices the Super Bowl holds, there will still be a sold out crowd with some of the most loyal and big-

gest fan bases in all of football.

Combined, these teams have accumulated nine Super Bowl wins and 29 League and NFL Championships. The notable names that have helped these teams with all their success are endless. From Vince Lombardi to Chuck Noll, Bart Starr to Brett Favre, Reggie White to the Steel Curtain, Frano Harris to Jerome Bettis.

The Packers will try to win the trophy named after their legendary head coach, Vince Lombardi, for the first time since 1996 when Brett Favre lead the Packers in a convincing win over the Patriots by a score of 35-21.

With a Pittsburgh win Sunday, the Steelers will have won their third Super Bowl ring in the last six years. A win would also include Ben Roethlisberger earning his third Super Bowl ring, putting himself in selective company.

This would spark many debates about where Big Ben should be ranked amongst the best NFL quarterbacks in the history of the game.

The keys to the game for Green Bay's success will come by the way of third down efficiency. How will Aaron Rodgers do against the blitz on third down faced with arguably the best line backing core in his vision?

This will also be just as important on the defensive side of the ball where Ben Roethlisberger uses third downs to look and scramble to move the chains. Will the Packers pass rush be effective enough to close the gap on him?

Another aspect that the Packers need to be worried about is how the team will react to playing on the big stage.

Between all of the media coverage and record breaking crowds with all of the atten-

tion on one game, Green Bay needs to focus on not coming out hyped and flat.

Green Bay will not be able to rely on their defense to carry them like they did in the NFC title game because Roethlisberger and that Steelers offense will capitalize and score when it matters most.

The keys for the Steelers to win Super Bowl XLV will be running the ball with Rashard Mendenhall. They have been riding the third year back this entire postseason.

He racked up over 120 yards on the ground in the AFC Championship Game versus the Jets' stout run defense.

History shows that when the Steelers are running the ball well they win Super Bowls, as seen in 2005 and 2008. Mike Tomlin should be drawing up plays to give the ball to Mendenhall at least 20 times on Sunday if they want to

control the time of possession and give themselves the best chance to win.

The loss of pro-bowl center Maurice Pouncey in the AFC title game could hurt the Steelers' pass protection significantly as they try to protect Roethlisberger against Green Bay's pass rushers.

My prediction for this game was next to impossible to make. Both of these teams are well deserving clubs who have earned their spots in this year's Super Bowl. As cliché as the saying is, it's true: "Defense wins championships."

Pittsburgh and Green Bay have perhaps the best two defenses in the NFL and they've both been consistent throughout the postseason.

As hard as it is to pick against Roethlisberger, a proven winner, I'm going with the Packers. I think it's time for Roethlisberger and Tomlin to fall.

Wrestling's 24th Annual Royal Rumble a hit in Boston, MA.

Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

Sunday Night the WWE superstars invaded the TD Bank Garden as they took their first step on the Road to Wrestlemania.

There was a big change in the Rumble match itself this year. The roster was expanded from 30 to 40 superstars making it the biggest Royal Rumble in history.

The Royal Rumble is a match in which contestants have to get their opponent over the top rope to eliminate them. The last one left standing in the ring after 40 men, wins.

The most important aspect of the Royal Rumble is that the winner gets a shot at the title of his choosing at Wrestlemania.

The first aired match was the World Heavyweight title match between Edge and

Dolph Ziggler, or as most people call him, Mr. Ziggles. Edge kept his title, in a match that had about a dozen close pin falls and kept the fans on the edge of their seats, no pun intended.

Next we get The Miz defending the WWE Title against Randy Orton. This match had some contrivers due to Miz's mentee Alex Riley being at ring-side.

Just when it looked like Orton was going to win, The Nexus and their leader, CM Punk make an appearance. Punk hits his signature move, GTS on Orton and pulls Miz over him. In a 1-2-3 call, The Miz wins.

The third match was the WWE Divas Title match between title holder Natalya, Michelle McCool, Layla, and Eve Torres. It was supposed to be a handicapped match with Natalya vs. Layla, but the anonymous Raw General Manager stepped

in and changed the match.

It ended up being a fatal four way between them and Eve Torres came out being the new WWE Divas Champion.

In the first ever 40 man Royal Rumble, CM Punk is the first one to enter the ring. For those who don't know, the match starts with two men in the ring and every 90 seconds a new wrestler comes out until all 40 men have entered.

CM Punk is ready for the second superstar when he is attacked by the Corre. This is a new group that opposes the Nexus, after their former leader Wade Barrett got kicked out by CM Punk and started The Corre. Order is restored and the second man, Daniel Bryan, joins Punk in the ring.

Throughout the match there were some very exciting entries and some exciting moments. Team work seemed to be a theme this year. The Nexus

were all in the ring at one point protecting Punk. After throwing out about three participants the Nexus faced their biggest challenge when The Great Khali made his return to the WWE ring.

He was able to eliminate two members of the team and allowed a few more superstars to enter and stay in for a while.

Another teamwork effort happened when John Cena and Hornswoggle were the only two in the ring. Hornswoggle is only about four feet tall and Cena chooses not going to eliminate him. The two work together and Cena shows Hornswoggle his moves, the AA and 5 Knuckle Shuffle.

The most exciting moments were when Booker T returned to the WWE, cleaned house, and performed his signature Spin-O-Roonie. Also, Diesel, better known to some as Kevin Nash returned and received the

loudest ovation of the night.

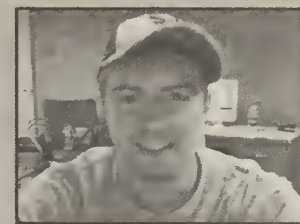
One of the best moments for people watching at home was when Randy Orton and John Cena were the only two men standing in the ring, and the camera was positioned so that you could see the Wrestlemania sign right between them. This may have left fans hoping for a rivalry match at Wrestlemania.

After a little over an hour and all other men being eliminated, the 38th entry into the Rumble, Alberto Del Rio was the last man standing. Del Rio has only been around for the better half of a year, but he proved that he deserved to be a headline superstar in the biggest wrestling event of the year.

Many fans were left upset and confused by the very new superstar winning the match. The fact that it was in Boston left fans angry that their home town hero John Cena had not prevailed.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



The Super Bowl has been called America's Game.

With 100 million people set to watch the Packers and Steelers face off on Sunday, the Super Bowl has become more than just a game of football to decide the champion of the NFL.

Besides being an advertisers dream, the Super Bowl brings family and friends together like it's another holiday. Heck, I think President Obama, a big sports fan himself, should declare the Monday after the Super Bowl 'Super Bowl Monday' and make it a legal holiday. Hey, a kid can dream, right?

Anyways, besides being the best day of the year for football fans and companies like Budweiser, Snickers, Coca-Cola and Doritos (these companies won't be talked about more than they are following their Super Bowl commercials), Super Sunday is also a sports betters dream.

Unlike most football games where you can bet on who will win, who will cover the spread and whether or not the score will be over or under the predicted total score, you can place a bet on just about anything when it comes to the Super Bowl. What a great day it must be to be in Vegas.

Some classic props include what will be the result of the coin toss, who will win the coin toss, which coach will challenge a play first, which team will score first, and who will score the first touchdown of game?

Some of the funniest Super Bowl betting props I've seen so far include the following: how many times will FOX show Cowboys owner Jerry Jones on TV during the game (over/under 2.5), how many times will FOX

mention Brett Favre during the game (over/under 2.5), what color Gatorade will be dumped on the head coach of the winning team (blue 10/1; clear/water 2/1; lime green 5/1; orange 3/1; red 15/2; yellow 3/2), and will a Steelers player do the Aaron Rodgers Championship Belt celebration during the game? (must clearly appear on TV during the game; yes +115, no -155).

Wow. I know. That's a lot to digest. But I'm going to take my best stab at these props and see how I do.

As for the classic props, I'll go with tails being the result of the coin toss (tails never fails), Pittsburgh winning the coin toss, Mike McCarthy challenging a play first, Pittsburgh scoring first (a field goal), and Greg Jennings scoring the first touchdown of the game on a pass from Aaron Rodgers.

Now on to the good stuff. I'll take the under on Jones (I think they'll show him twice, but not more than that during the actual game), over on Favre (they're going to mention him a dozen times), yellow as the Gatorade color (it's the safe bet since both teams have yellow as one of their colors) with lime green as a sleeper pick, and yes to a player doing the Rodgers belt thrust as a celebration during game (it's the Steelers... enough said).

There are hundreds of other props out there including ones about Clay Matthews hair, what Fergie will wear during halftime (too tough to pick) and Aaron Rodgers' girlfriend Jessica Szohr.

No matter what your preference is, there's something for everyone to bet on.

As for the game itself, I like the Packers to

win the game 27-20. I guess that means I'm picking the Packers to win the game and cover the spread (Green Bay is a three point favorite) and I'm going over on the total score (over/under is at 44.5).

See, betting just gives people one more reason on a long list of why they should watch the Super Bowl.

The game should be close and both teams have great defenses, but I think Rodgers and the Packers' weapons in the receiving game will be too much for the Steelers to handle. It should be a close and exciting game, but in the end I see Green Bay holding up the Vince Lombardi Trophy at the end of Super Bowl XLV with Rodgers going to Disney World as the game MVP.

One game that wasn't very close (or exciting for that matter) was the NFL Pro Bowl played last Sunday in Hawaii.

I tried to avoid watching the Pro Bowl on Sunday since I'm not a big fan of watching a glorified practice session with basically no defense being played.

But there wasn't anything great on so I ended up watching a good deal of the first half and the last few minutes of

the game.

The final score, 55-41 in favor of the NFC, shows you just about how much defense was played in the game.

That score doesn't even reflect how close the game really was as the NFC lead 42-0 before basically joking around and letting the AFC "make a game of it."

I flipped over to the game with under a minute left just in time to see the play of the game as Browns center Alex Mack scored a touchdown following two laterals on a Matt Cassel pass.

The play was cool to watch and it was great to see Mack score, but the play pretty much summed up how big of a joke the Pro Bowl really is. The sad thing is that the Pro Bowl wasn't even the most pathetic All-Star game of the day.

The NHL held its annual All-Star game on Sunday and just looking at the scoreboard gives you everything you need to know about this game. Team Lindstrom beat Team Staal 11-10.

First off, 11-10 might be the most awkward final score for any sports game that I've ever heard.

Second, despite my

limited hockey knowledge, I actually know who Nicklas Lidstrom and Eric Staal are, and last time I checked they were playing on the Red Wings and Hurricanes respectively, not the names of the NHL's two conferences.

Oh, that's right. Rather than the traditional East-West All-Star game, the NHL tried a new concept called the NHL All-Star fantasy draft where two captains, Lindstrom and Staal, chose the players they wanted on their team out of a pool of All-Stars.

Interesting idea, but to me (and I'll admit my hockey knowledge isn't excellent) it sounds like a glorified pickup game with sponsors and announcers.

It sounds like a game of pickup basketball at the local Y, or in this case, a game of pickup hockey at a nearby pond. Replace the pond with an arena and add all the hoopla and commercials and there you have it – the 2011 NHL All-Star game. Good stuff.

Well I'm out of room boys and girls but as always, thanks for reading. Have a great weekend, enjoy the Super Bowl and try not to place too many crazy bets.

Upcoming WSU Home Games

Saturday, February 5

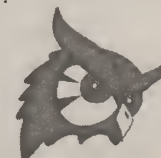
Women's Basketball vs. Salem State @ 1:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Salem State @ 3:00 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Framingham State @ 5:35 p.m.



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Women's basketball wins fourth straight, leads MASCAC

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's basketball team continued its impressive run and picked up its fourth straight victory with a 96-80 win over Bridgewater State on Saturday, January 29.

The Owls (13-5, 5-1 MASCAC) exploded on offense from the opening tip and scored more points than they had in any other game this season.

Scoring from all over the court on 67% total shooting, Westfield featured a strong interior presence as well as terrific outside shooting by going 9-12 on three-point shots.

Junior point guard Janae Jones was Westfield's floor general and had little trouble dealing with Bridgewater's constant full-court press, scoring 8 points and adding 8 assists in the win.

Westfield got off to a fast start and led 24-16 midway through the first half.

The Owls opened up a 36-23 lead on back to back three-pointers by sophomore guard Courtney DelRatez later in the half.

DelRatez finished the game with 12 points on four of five three-point shooting.

Another three-pointer by DelRatez with less than five minutes left in the half gave the Owls a 16 point lead at 41-25.

The Bears would not go away quietly, however, and closed the gap heading into halftime as the Owls turned the ball over five



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Jenny Bell scored 17 points, was a perfect 6 for 6 from the field, and played great defense in WSU's 96-80 victory over Bridgewater State.

times in the last 4:24 of the half.

A missed breakaway layup by Westfield and ensuing foul gave Bridgewater two free throws with under five seconds remaining in the half.

The Bears hit both shots and went into the half trailing 45-38.

The Owls' sloppy play continued to start the second half and Bridgewater came within three points of tying the game at 49-46 less than five minutes into the half.

Westfield responded with a nice offensive run and a three-pointer by Jones gave the Owls a 56-48 lead.

WSU sophomore guard Jenny Bell dominated the second half on both ends of the floor, getting to the hoop with a variety of nice moves.

Bell scored 12 of her

17 total points in the second half.

The Bears continued to fight throughout the

second half, but a three-pointer by sophomore guard Angela Patterson gave the Owls a commanding 84-65 lead with three minutes left in the game, ending any hope of a Bridgewater comeback.

Senior captains Cassy Jouannet and Ashley Finnegan both had great games once again for Westfield.

Jouannet showed a nice shooting touch and led the Owls with 18 points and 9 rebounds while Finnegan provided a strong interior presence and added 14 points and 7 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Briana Kelly scored 13 points for the Owls, hitting all 10 of her free throw attempts.

The MASCAC leading Owls will face Salem State tomorrow, February 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Woodward Center.

WSU's men's hockey: the struggle continues

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

There are many times in sports when the scoreboard does not accurately portray what really happened in the game.

Though the final score read 6-2 with Westfield on the losing end, the Owls were competitive through the game's first 40 minutes.

Unfortunately, hockey games do not end after 40 minutes and the Owls (2-14-2, 1-9-1 MASCAC) were outscored 3-0 in a disappointing third period.

The Owls showed great determination in the first period after getting down by two goals early in the period.

Goals by Jimmy Alexander (first goal of the season) and Jason Nelson (fourth goal of the year) brought Westfield to a 2-2 tie to end the period.

The second period was filled with penalties as the teams combined for 11 total penalties, including a 10-minute game misconduct penalty by Vince Perreault for contact to the head of another player.

The loss of Perreault seemed demoralizing for Westfield as the Owls could not produce much offense after he left.

Though the Owls were able to get off 48 shots on goal, they could only muster two goals in the game, putting a lot of pressure on goalie Ray to keep Westfield in the game.

Monroe had 30 saves in the game, but could not stop the mad rushes from Worcester State's Chris Wallen (who scored two goals) and John Cahlane.

Penalties have been a major problem for Coach Bob Miele and his boys all year as they have committed 154 penalties for 462 minutes.

That's almost 8 hours of penalties in 18 games this season.

The Owls need to stop committing dumb penalties during key moments in games.

Hopefully, the team can end the season with a strong final month. Westfield will play tomorrow, February 5, at 5:30 p.m. against Framingham State at Amelia Park.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You're bound to be feeling a little uncertain about a few issues at the moment, and you'll end up having a bit of a hard time making certain decisions. Just try to hang in there until the obvious answers start to present themselves.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Don't forget to focus some attention on your most important goals and priorities. You'll be so distracted by what's going on with everyone else around you that you may forget to tend to your own needs.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Don't hesitate to bring a positive new approach to everything you do. Most people ought to be willing to look quite favorably on your plans. And if you decide that something is no longer of any use to you, then don't be afraid to go ahead and try something new.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You're bound to be feeling a little spontaneous at the moment, and you'll really be looking for a little excitement and adventure in your life.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Some important insights at this time should help you make real progress in clearing up any personal issues that have been troubling you lately. You'll also be able to make some kind of fresh financial start

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Even if you've been feeling a little uncertain about a few things, don't be afraid to shake things up a bit. It should be a good time to make a few new beginnings.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Don't be afraid to get things moving by coming up with some constructive new ideas. Even if you're feeling a little nervous or anxious about certain issues, just realize that fear and insecurity may be the only things holding you back.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You ought to be able to communicate your thoughts and feelings very well so don't be afraid to go ahead and express yourself in some interesting and original ways.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
If you find that someone is a little hard to handle at the moment, just realize that you'll need to be extremely diplomatic.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You're bound to be feeling a little chatty this week, and your mind will be filled with all sorts of new thoughts and ideas. You should think about trying to have a few important conversations with others.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
If things seem a little unpredictable, just remember that staying focused and organized should help you deal with the instability of many of the situations you encounter.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Just be careful that you don't get too overly confident. You're bound to be a little restless or erratic, and you could end up going overboard and behaving somewhat recklessly.

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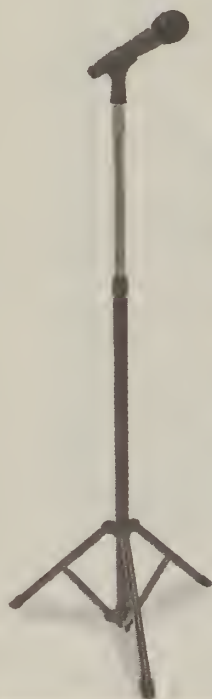
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A "hidden gem" of Westfield State: Lansdowne Place

Tim Callery
Voice Reporter

Last Tuesday was the kick-off to housing selection season: Residential Life sent out neon orange pamphlets reminding resident students that Room Reservation Deposits are due soon.

Around this time of the year, students begin to search for new places to live for the 2011-2012 school year.

With seven on-campus residence halls, students have a range of choices to help make the decision about where they might want to live next academic year.

There is one residence hall that students may not be familiar with, Lansdowne Place, which is one of Westfield's hidden gems. Located at 38 Thomas Street, Lansdowne is the first downtown student housing location for the university.

Built back in 1990 as public condominiums, Lansdowne was completed over the summer so that Westfield State students could move in during the Fall 2010 semester.

It was originally set up as apartments only for upperclassmen and transfer students, but has recently been opened to sophomores.

The building has 48 apartments that houses 216 students,

with on-site laundry facilities and high speed internet.

Each apartment has a full service kitchen with all appliances included. The apartments also come furnished with a full bathroom (including Jacuzzi tubs), air conditioning, and a patio. 72 on-site parking spots and 150 additional spots in the vicinity allow for convenient parking for students.

Juniors Cristina Quesada and Kristen Kinney live in an apartment at Lansdowne.

"I wanted to live off campus originally but then house hunting didn't work out, so my roommate and I got a room in Courtney. Then we got an e-mail talking about Lansdowne," Quesada explained.

"We decided to try to get an apartment because it is so much better than a dorm room. And it was off-campus so it really sounded appealing," Quesada added.

"You get the best of both worlds living at Lansdowne. You're living in a school residence hall so you don't have to deal with a landlord or heat/electricity bills, yet you're also off campus which gives you the sense of living on your own," Kinney said.

With a distance of 2.1 miles from Westfield State, Lansdowne offers students a quick commute to



Lansdowne Place is an off-campus living option for students located at 38 Thomas Street in downtown Westfield.

campus.

Surrounding shops include Domino's, Subway, Stop & Shop, Dunkin Donuts, 5 different banks, YMCA, The Tavern restaurant, and many others. It is also just steps away from the PVTA bus stop.

"I like how it has a real central location in the downtown area," said sophomore Mathew Demikat.

"Each apartment has a full kitchen which is great for cooking your own meals, but if you can't

cook, Burger King and Domino's are right next door," Demikat explained.

Westfield State University holds a ten-year lease running until August of 2021. The second block of students moved in at the beginning of this semester. It is expected to reach full capacity by September 2011.

For more information on Lansdowne Place, students can visit the Residential Life office in the basement of Scanlon Hall.

Room Reservation Deposits are due March 1st.

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V-Day: "Single Declaration Day"

Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

With Valentine's Day sneaking up, the stores fill with hearts and flowers, chocolates and pink cards, huge stuffed animals and scented candles, and big balloons. Just about anything and everything you can think of for the loving couples of our world is for sale.

But what about the single folk on Valentine's Day? What are we to think when we walk around with giant balloons saying "Be Mine" looming in our faces? When the only cards we can find are ones that usually begin with "Roses are red and Violets are blue"? Seems like they should call it Single Declaration Day.

"Valentine's Day is not necessarily about being a couple," says single lady Alex McConnon, "It's about appreciating the ones that you love and spending time with them."

Some men have the same view as the girls. To Junior Alex Streisand, Valentine's Day means just about the same. "Valentine's is a day to get together. The best is when you can spend it with your friends," he says.

Dan Hatch had only this to say "I don't even think about it," says the Freshman "And I don't really care. It's just another day to buy people stuff."

"Text me ladies!" Says Jonathan Dirodi with a laugh. Dirodi, Junior, didn't think too much of the holiday until he went to the dollar store with his friends, where a party idea was formed. Singles only!

Anthropologically speaking, Valentine's Day is a way of displaying ownership and possession of another life, whoever they may be.

In ancient times gifts were lavished upon favored harem members. These gifts ranked them higher than the others, and today it seems like the media has kept this tradition alive, glorifying those who have a significant other.

Psychologically speaking, the constant displays of the celebration can be a constant reminder of where you are in life; having not found that partner just yet or feeling a bit more hopeless or hopeful on this day that there might be something different.

The best way to deal with the holiday is to get together with your single friends and just have fun.

Enjoy each others company, laugh and just be together. Take a day to remember why you are friends in the first place and strengthen the bonds between you. Yeah, you may be single. But you are not alone. After all, 42% of adults over 18 in the U.S. are single according to the U.S. Census Bureau, that's 92 million Americans.

If you want something to do on that night or the nights leading up to "Single Declaration Day", look into the Step Team's Venus vs. Mars Valentine's Day Dance, being held this Friday.

So for all those Single Studs and Single Ladies out there, have cheer on Valentine's Day. Just remember, thanks to social drama and statistics, half of those people will probably be single next week.



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Valentine's Day's hidden secrets

Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

It's a commonly known fact that we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th, in memory of St. Valentine, but behind all of the greeting cards, chocolates and flowers, I bet there's a thing or two you didn't know about it.

For example, men spend more than twice as much on their significant others than females do.

Also, more than one third of men would prefer not to be presented with a gift whereas less than twenty percent of women do not want a Valentine's Day present.

Here is another fact: the greeting card

company Hallmark employs nearly one hundred people on a research task team specifically designed to monitor and interpret sales of Valentine's Day cards.

Hallmark then conducts hundreds of thousands of customer interviews in an effort to create their card collections each year.

Most purchases for the holiday don't take place until the six days preceding Valentine's Day. Americans tend to shell out almost \$120 in this last minute spending.

Contrary to popular belief, teachers receive the most of the 100 billion valentines, followed closely by children. Keeping up in third place is mothers, then wives and lastly, lovers.

Did you know that the oldest remaining Valentine's Day card is dated over 590 years old? In 1415 Charles, the Duke of Orleans, wrote a valentine to his wife.

Also during the Middle Ages, men and women of marriageable age would draw names out of a bowl to determine their valentine and wear the name pinned to their sleeve.

It is speculated that the saying "to wear your heart on your sleeve" originated with this tradition.

Lastly, although it is common in Japan for women to present their spouses or boyfriends with gifts on Valentine's Day, men do not return the favor until one month later on March 14, which has come to be known as White Day.

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Social media and the Egyptian revolution

Mary Cafferty
Voice Reporter

Here in America, it is sometimes easy for us to take our freedoms for granted.

The fact that I can write these words, and the fact that a student-run paper like The Voice can simply exist, serves to demonstrate one of the key freedoms we enjoy in this country: the freedom of speech.

Without it, and without diligent journalists intent on exposing corruption and reporting on key historical events, our democracy would certainly be in danger.

However, the freedom of speech that we enjoy in this country is not universally enjoyed around the globe.

Last week, Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak and his regime initiated unprecedented restrictions on both the internet and cell phone service in an attempt to quell a surge of protests calling for the resignation of Mubarak.

According to the New York Times, Egypt as a country essentially "fell off the grid" as internet and cell phone traffic from the country went dark.

And it makes sense for Mubarak to be afraid of the power of the internet and the media.

Without social media and blogging tools, it is significantly more difficult for protestors on the streets to find an outlet for their voices, making it less likely that official stories will be undermined.

In addition to restricted internet and cell phone access, there have also been reports that journalists are on the receiving end of personal attacks.

Mubarak, it seems, is attempting to silence voices of contradiction.

But no one is fooled. The voice of a revolution is resilient and it has found ways to break through.



Photo by nytimes.com

Egyptians rally for the end of long-time President Hosni Mubarak.

One such method is a Twitter service called Speak To Tweet (www.twitter.com/speak2tweet).

According to the New York Times, Speak To Tweet gives Egyptians "three phone numbers to call and leave a message, which is then posted on the Internet as a recorded Twitter message."

Messages can be heard on the internet through Twitter or by phone.

And messages are not only coming out of Egypt. Included with the messages are also country-of-origin tags, which include the United States, France, and Switzerland.

The updates also include calls for translators to transcribe and translate messages from Arabic into other languages.

Resilience, as demonstrated by the emergence of Speak to Tweet and other means of undercutting the official line, is crucial to the revolution in Egypt.

There is a growing disconnect between what is

happening on the streets and what the official statements, fed by the regime, say.

The fact that journalists from a variety of news sources and countries are being attacked speaks to the importance of free speech.

In order to provide competition to the official message, these men and women are putting their safety on the line in order to get to the heart of the truth.

Even though it is easy to feel removed from a situation happening abroad, it is also easy to relate to its participants, who have used tools like Facebook and Twitter, to mobilize themselves and find a voice.

These are tools that many of us use on a daily basis that are often attacked for their addictive and distancing qualities.

But in this case, they have provided a voice to those who would otherwise be silenced.

Social media has given the revolution a means through which to speak.

Student Spotlight



Name: Lilliana Kolomoets
Hometown: Springfield, MA
Major: Finance

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

Try to find a well-paying job in Boston, get married to the love of my life, and if all fails, move to a farm and raise livestock.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
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If you had the chance to invite any person over for dinner, who would it be and what would you talk about?
I would invite my friend Mollie Adriance, Stephen Colbert, and Ann Colter to discuss how amusing it is that the economics of the U.S. are quickly going south.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Go home

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

My most memorable experience was taking Speech class with professor McNamara. It was one of the funniest experiences of my entire year.

Lucky Number?

I don't have any lucky numbers... I don't believe in luck.

If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The Angry Liberal: President Obama need not worry in 2012



Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

For those who idolize former President Ronald Reagan, last Sunday was a special day, his would-be 100th birthday. Many in the Republican Party often praise Reagan and his great conservative legacy for cutting taxes, decreasing the size of government, and remaining a “tough” Republican in both domestic and foreign policy.

What is not emphasized by the lovers of the Reagan legacy is that he worked with both Democrats and Republicans in Congress to increase taxes six out of his eight years in office, and that his administration increased the size of government and raised the debt to unprecedented levels.

Reagan signed an immigration act in 1986 that included granting amnesty to over two million illegal immigrants who had lived in the U.S. since before 1982.

So are Republicans really looking for another Reagan-esque candidate for the 2012 presidential election? Maybe the question should be: can the Republicans even find another Reagan-esque candidate, or an electable candidate at all?

Sarah Palin, who is considering a 2012 presidential run, has the advantages of name recognition and incessant media attention, but can she beat President Obama? In a Marist poll released last month, Obama

still beat Palin, this time at 56-30 percent. And, although she has strong supporters, especially within such circles as the Tea Party Movement, can she come out strong in the primaries?

Can Palin beat, for example, another former governor, Mitt Romney? Romney is a businessman, and has experience with campaigning but he's a Mormon, which is oftentimes unpopular with the Christian Right.

Also, as governor in 2006, Romney signed into law the Massachusetts health care reform law mandating health insurance for every resident, which might not mix well with the strong anti-health care bill sentiment held by many Republicans in Congress today.

The aforementioned poll also put Romney behind Obama with 51-38 percent. Good luck, Mr. Romney.

What about former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich? He may be popular among Republicans and he did write “To Save America: Stopping Obama's Secular-Socialist Machine” last year, but can he raise enough money and win over moderates in a campaign that he has no experience with?

Would former governor Mike Huckabee do any better? Huckabee knows the ropes and can run a presidential campaign, but what will he change in the next year to win the Republican nomination that he failed to secure in 2008?

Even if he does win the nomination, can he turn around the result of a hypothetical match-up that puts Obama 12 percentage points ahead of Huckabee? Time will only tell.

Other potential Republican candidates have surfaced, including a few other governors, a former ambassador to the U.N., and a Tea Party Movement Congresswoman.

One of these candidates needs to win the support of the conservative base and so do a great number of moderates, all the while raising huge sums of money.

It appears that they have a lot of work to do and yet none of the major potential front-runners have proudly announced their presidential bids.

According to Nathan Gonzales, political editor for nonpartisan newsletter The Rothenberg Political Report, “no one wants to be first. You want to be a contender, but you don't want to be viewed as the establishment candidate.”

Although the 2012 presidential election will be held next calendar year, none of the candidates seem to be racing to announce.

They are, however, out on the campaign trail, just not calling it the “campaign trail.”

While some are promoting new books around the U.S., other potential candidates have made trips to Israel, visited key U.S. States in the presidential election process like Iowa, Ohio, New Hampshire, and taken necessary steps to open the way for a 2012 presidential bid.

All of this is good news for President Obama, who hasn't started any strong campaigning yet.

Obama has been too busy actually serving in office and dealing with foreign policy issues relating to the Egyptian revolution. Although, it is not as if Obama has much to worry about anyway.

If a strong Republican candidate who is well-known and well-liked by both the conservative base and moderate voters, and who has an excellent fundraising team never presents a real challenge, then Obama need not worry about finding a new residence after November 6th, 2012.

Editor's Desk



I love everyone!

I'm in a great mood! This has been such a good week. I have barely gotten any homework so far this semester (I hope my professors aren't reading this!), the paper is going great, and I'm going home this weekend. Life is good.

I have to say thank you to the few people who came to our monthly meeting but also to the people who answered our cry for help in an email!! We now have not one but TWO photographers and we officially have an Ad Manager! Thank you Tim! Hopefully soon we'll have a second Ad Manager (trust me, it's needed) and a Treasurer! Did I mention that I'm happy?

I hope you are all happy, too! :)

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Current Job Fairs!

NEHRA Annual Student Job Fair:

When? Wednesday, February 23, 5pm-7pm

Where? Emmanuel College, Boston, MA

What? Learn more about the Human Resources profession!

www.nehra.com

WSU Teacher Job Fair:

When? Wednesday, March 9, 3pm-5pm

Where? Scanlon Banquet Hall

What? A mini-networking event for teaching candidates.
non-profits, and school system personell

www.wsc.ma.edu/careerservices

For more event listings, go to: www.wsc.ma.edu/careerservices

Editor's Desk



Green and yellow green and ... I'm just kidding I don't care about anything football :)... sooo Hey!

Did I just lose a lot of points in everyones book? Sorry, but to make up for it - I love baseball! (Yes the Red Sox). I am super excited for that season to start.

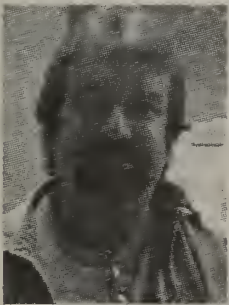
I sound like Rob now talking about sports in my little editor's section... Anyways, I want to give a shout out to my roommate who told me she just started reading the paper so hi Caroline!!

I really have nothing of importance to say this week other than I hope you keep reading and please don't hate me now because I said I don't like football :D

Alright, seeee ya!

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The Proud Conservative



Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Sunday, Feb.6 2011 marked the seventh anniversary of the death of my hero, and perhaps the greatest American president ever, Ronald Reagan.

Regardless of one's political leaning, many facts cannot be dismissed attesting to his likeability and respect by a majority of Americans. For example, many liberals tried to point to Reagan's economic policies (Reaganomics) as responsible for causing an increase in the poor. That doesn't match the facts.

When Reagan became President, the misery index was at 19.33. After his Presidency, it

was 9.3. He cut it in half. That doesn't sound like an expansion of the poor, does it? The most important legacy he gave this country was a newfound belief in morality and patriotism.

After the Jimmy Carter era, America needed a reason to reaffirm their faith in America, and once again be able to call themselves proud Americans. President Reagan delivered that reason.

While Reagan was in office, there would be no apologizing to the rest of the world for the actions of America.

There would be no bowing to other heads of state. (Sound familiar Mr. Obama?) Reagan's speeches always informed America about policies he had instituted, laws that had been implemented, and changes he and his administration had made to benefit the American people.

If these changes proved to be faulty, he would listen to the American people to find a way to make things right.

Bill Clinton began a policy, which is currently in use

by President Obama, in telling people what they want to hear.

It was always, "This is what we SHOULD do," never making a commitment and following through on it and never having the courage to make the tough choices. Style over substance. Double speak has peaked in American politics.

A famous saying has been attributed to President Theodore Roosevelt, in which he said, "Speak softly, and carry a big stick." This quote always reminded me of President Reagan, for no one pushed him around. He backed up what he said he was going to do.

In contrast, the best quote I can think of for President Obama is, "If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with BS." Sadly the times have indeed changed.

Just to give you a few examples of what I mean, consider the following quotes attributed to President Reagan.

"Freedom is one of the deepest and noblest aspirations of the human spirit." - Ronald

Reagan. Or, "No arsenal... is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women" - Ronald Reagan.

President Obama, try as he does, never seems to measure up to The Great Communicator.

For example, "On this Memorial Day, as this nation honors its unbroken line of fallen heroes - and I see many of them here in the audience today—our sense of patriotism is particularly strong." - Barack Obama. Or another, "I've now been in 57 states - I think one left to go."

Last but not least, "OK, look, you know, when I was a kid, I inhaled frequently. That was the point." - Barack

Obama. This is how far the country has come in 30 years.

Things can change, however, and what every American has to do is to look within yourself, listen to your heart, do your homework on the candidates for the 2012 presidential election, and regardless of what the conservative or the present day liberal press says (just seeing if you're reading, Prof.D), vote for the candidate that best fits your idea for a model of morality and honesty.

America can once again reclaim her spot as the greatest and most respected country in the world.

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahy

Jennifer Aniston – Born Feb. 11, 1969



Jennifer was born in Sherman Oaks, Los Angeles as the middle child to two half-brothers. Her family

lived in Greece for a year when she was young, then they moved to New York City. She worked in Off Broadway productions while supporting herself with different part-time jobs, including as a telemarketer, waitress, and bike messenger. She moved to Los Angeles and got her huge break when she took the part as Rachel Green on the hit show Friends (though she was originally wanted to play Monica). She and the rest of her coworkers stuck with the show from when it aired in 1994 to the last episode in 2004. Since then, Aniston has stuck mainly to the silver screen with movies like The Break-Up, Marley & Me, and He's Just Not That Into You.

Saint Valentine– Died Feb. 14, 269



Valentine was a Roman priest who was arrested and imprisoned because he was caught performing marriage ceremonies

for Christian couples and helping them escape the wrath of Claudius II in Rome. Helping Christians during the time of “Claudius Gothicus” was considered a serious crime. Valentine was condemned to death when he attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity. He was stoned and whipped with clubs, but both those things failed to kill him. He was immediately taken to the area in front of the Flaminian Gate and beheaded. Because Valentine was killed for defending the sacred marriage of couples in love, his death marked the first Valentine’s Day, on which couples profess their love for each other while Saint Valentine acts as Cupid, sending love down upon all.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Book Review: Dune

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

Frank Herbert’s masterpiece “Dune” is not about Paul Atreides, but rather about his growth into a man, his quest for revenge, and his transformation into a prophet and leader.

Paul is the rightful heir to House Atreides, and circumstances put his family in control of the desert planet Arrakis, which would be considered an uninhabitable wasteland if it weren’t for the fact that it holds melange, a drug which has become the most valuable substance known in the universe.

There are no poorly written characters in “Dune”. Every character is so well described in detail through their actions and words that they seem to be alive. You will grow to admire Paul’s father,

and hate those who plot against him. This is a difficult feat in science fiction, but it is done in a way that seems effortless. You are not likely to be confused by the plot, but it is extremely complex.

Herbert creates a world that is as complete as our own. Every aspect of society, politics, and environment is explored in this universe, and they all play a role in advancing the plot.

Herbert’s writing creates a complete vision in your mind of the planet Arrakis. It is a harsh world, and most of the time Paul isn’t struggling against his antagonists, he is struggling against the world itself.

The front cover of my copy of “Dune” calls the book “Science Fiction’s Supreme Masterpiece.” After reading this book, it will be extremely difficult to argue against that statement.
10 out of 10.

Movie Review: The Coen brothers work magic

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Over winter break, I got a chance to see “True Grit”, the second film adaptation of Charles Portis’ 1968 novel of the same title.

This adaptation was written and directed by Ethan and Joel Coen, also known as the Coen Brothers.

The Coen Brothers are responsible for other great films such as “The Big Lebowski”, “Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?”, and “No Country for Old Men”, just to name a few.

The Coen Brothers are known for combining wit, eccentricity, and violence in their films, and they definitely deliver these trademark goods in “True Grit”.

“True Grit” stars Hailee Steinfeld as Mattie Ross, Jeff Bridges as US Marshal

Reuben “Rooster” Cogburn, and Matt Damon as LeBeouf, the Texas Ranger.

The movie is narrated by an adult Mattie Ross, who tells the story of the fallout of the murder of her father by one of his employees, Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin).

Mattie is extremely intelligent, stubborn, and tough, and she’ll do anything to avenge her father’s death.

To this end, she hires “Rooster” Cogburn, a US Marshal known for the large number of men he has killed and his rough nature.

Rooster keeps resisting her pleas for help, while his rival LaBeouf has been hot on Chaney’s trail for many months.

The three eventually team up and ride into Native American territory to track down Chaney. As can be predicted, the trip is filled with hardships, including

pursuit from a ruthless gang of cowboys, personality clashes, shootouts, and snakebites.

Jeff Bridges brings his own unique personality and lingo into the mix, while Matt Damon conveys the personality of a hotheaded Texas Ranger very convincingly.

However, the most impressive of the three lead actors was Hailee Steinfeld.

This unknown 14-year-old actress holds her own against two well known and successful actors that have had more experience in films than her.

Throughout the film, you can feel Hailee’s emotions as if you are experiencing everything she is.

This movie kept me on the edge of my seat and was a roller coaster ride of emotion.

If you are a fan of westerns, the Coen Brothers, or great movies, I greatly recommend “True Grit”.

Saved By The Bell: 10 Valentine's Day Tips



Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

1. Don't Trust Guys Named Jeff...ever

I never liked this name after that scumbag manager of the Max stole Kelly from Zack. The older I get the more this rule proves itself.

2. Enjoy What You Have When You Have It

This lesson is usually learned the hard way. Zach learned it when he found himself left out in the cold when Kelly dumped him. In other words, appreciate

what you have and live in the present, because most things don't last forever.

3. Find Your Kelly (or Zack)

Of the 87 girls Zack dated in high school and college, one in particular always seemed to hold onto his heart. Now I'm not saying to go back to a past girl or boy, but if you have someone in your life that is special, go after them and hold on. In addition, if you don't have one, then get one.

4. Not Everyone Is a Kelly (or Zack), Don't Settle for Anything Less

Don't go thinking that someone like Jeff Hunter is a Zack. Sure, he's older and has a really sweet job ...but if he's shady, he's shady. In addition, one day you'll probably end up sneaking into a club underage and then discovering out he's cheating on you. After all, he's no Zack.

5. Don't Go Chasing the Unattainable a la Screech

There is nothing worse than chasing after someone that will never come around. Years and years of pursuing Lisa led to nothing but wasted time and effort. In the end, you'll crash too. Make a move, put yourself out there, and if the answer is "no", move on. No big deal.

6. Always Be Yourself..Never Compromise That

Kelly didn't give in to the peer pressure of the cool Jonny Dakota. Sure, she could have smoked dope just to hang with the teen-idol mega-star, but that's not who Kelly was.

Lisa taught us about the dangers of being someone you're not. Who can forget when she compromised her shoppaholic ways to become a studious bookworm when geeky hunk Brian led her to believe her current self just wasn't good enough? Be confident

in yourself. If they don't like who you are, find someone that does.

7. Enjoy the Single Life, Enjoy it a Lot

Lisa was always having a blast and she was never really tied down to anyone. Zack ended up with Kelly, but he dated other people and had a blast when he wasn't. He had to learn what he liked. So should you.

8. Learn Something From Every Relationship

In order to find what works for you and what doesn't, you need to learn something from those in and out of your life.

Even the homeless girl Zack dated for the Christmas episode, Laura, taught him something. She taught him that it's better to date girls who don't live in cars with their dads. (Note to self: that's EXTRA important)

9. Dysfunctional Isn't Normal – Or Good

Despite the beauty of Slater and Jessie looking passionately into each other's eyes and singing "Endless Love" together at the Halloween Ball, their relationship was a mess. Their constant bickering and fighting is NOT how a relationship should be. Fighting, yelling, jealousy, and drama don't get better over time. Sometimes, no matter how hard you want a relationship to work...it won't.

10. Seize On Opportunities When They Appear, They Don't Last Long

Whether he struck while the iron was hot with his boss's daughter from the Malibu Sands Beach Club, Stacy, or was selling advertising space on A.C.'s football jersey, no one was better at turning lemons into lemonade than Zack. If the opportunity is open, seize it and seize it fast.

Glee breaks viewing record in post-superbowl episode



Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

Regardless of who won the Superbowl last Sunday night, one thing viewers could cheer about was the return of Fox's hit show "Glee." The award winning show pulled in about 26.8 million viewers after the game.

The Superbowl-themed episode featured the Glee kids in a Superbowl of their own, the championship game.

Ever since McKinley

High hired coach Shannon Beaste to coach the football team, they've been winning. After winning their conference game, the team was eligible to play in the championship game.

There were major hurdles to jump over, however, before the football team could call themselves champions.

Because the show is called "Glee," this is where our favorite club comes in. Due to the bad treatment the Glee Club receives from the jocks at the school, Coach Beaste and Mr. Schuester developed a plan that for one week the football players had to join Glee Club.

In Sue Sylvester efforts to bring the Cheerios to a 7th consecutive National Cheerleading Championship win, she tries to blast Britney from a large cannon.

When Britney goes to

Mr. Schuester for help, who in turn goes to Principal Figgins, Sue tries to get revenge.

She reschedules the Regional competition to the same night as the championship game.

As a solution, Mr. Schuester proposes that the Glee Club perform at the halftime show and do something spectacular: a cover of Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

When most of the football players protest to publicly performing with the Glee Club, Coach Beaste gives them an ultimatum: either perform at the halftime show or don't play in the championship game at all.

Sue also gives the three Glee Club members who are also Cheerios the same ultimatum: either don't go to the regional competition and get kicked off the Cheerios or quit Glee Club.



Photo by billboard.com

Besides the amazing music covered in this episode, which includes the mash-up of "Thriller" and the Yeah Yeah Yeah's song "Heads Will Roll," Lady Antebellum's "Need You Now" and Destiny's Child's "Bills, Bills, Bills," there was a deeper meaning to this episode.

Throughout Season 2, one of the central themes has been bullying and homophobia.

With the character Kurt eventually leaving McKinley because of the constant harassment, this episode seemed to put an end to the bullying with the football players enjoying their brief stint in the Glee Club. Hopefully, the harassment doesn't continue now that the championship game is over.

"Glee" is on every Tuesday night at 8pm on FOX.

Meet the Owls: "Superfan" Chris Gabel

Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

In this week's installment of Meet The Owls, I decided to switch it up a bit and interview a man who has become a mythical figure at Alumni Field, the Woodward Center, and especially at Amelia Park, where his crowd pleasing antics have become the stuff of legend.

I am referring to none other than Christopher Gabel, the "Superfan" of Westfield State Athletics.

Q: Tell us about yourself and how you ended up at WSU.

CG: My name's Chris and I am a senior here at Westfield. I am originally from Danvers, Mass, and I am a business major at WSU. I applied to the state schools and Westfield fit best, even though I had never really spent time out here before.

Q: Did you play sports in High School and were you a big supporter of athletics at Danvers high?

CG: I played soccer at DHS and I was a huge supporter [of the athletic teams] then too. I've been a superfan at just about every school I've attended.

Q: That's great! What's your favorite sport at WSU?

CG: I'm partial to hockey (two of my roommates are hockey players), but I like them all!

Q: Who are your favorite athletes here at WSU?

CG: I like supporting my roommates Dave (Ciminelli) and Jason (Nelson) on the hockey



rink. And Kyle (Grady), my other roommate, plays on the football team. So they're my favorites, I'd say.

Q: How do you feel about the "superfan" moniker?

CG: I don't know. I guess I like it because it means I'm putting a smile on someone's face. If chasing the zamboni is what I have to do to get the crowd cheering and on their feet, I'll do it.

Q: In four years, what's your most memorable game?

CG: I'd say last year, hockey playoffs. We ended up losing the game, but the atmosphere was great. The place was packed to the rafters, everyone was screaming and cheering.

Q: What can we expect out of you when you graduate from Westfield?

CG: I really enjoy the outdoors, and I want to bring sports to people. I love hanging out in Stanley Park when the weathers nice and do outdoor activities, so to be able to use my business degree to bring sports to people would be awesome!

Q: Any last words?

CG: Go Owls!

WSU weekly sports roundup

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's basketball team picked up its seventh straight win on Tuesday night with a 56-41 victory over MCLA on Tuesday, February 8.

The Owls (16-5, 8-1 MASCAC) struggled shooting the ball in the first half, hitting just nine of 34 first half shots, but still led at the half 21-16.

Led by senior captain Ashley Finnegan 18 point, 16 rebound double-double, Westfield played a much stronger second half and increased its lead to 32-21 early in the second half.

A three-pointer by Courtney DelRatz with seven minutes left in the game gave the Owls a 45-30 lead and they would not let MCLA back in the game after that basket.

With senior captain Cassy Jouannet forced to sit all but 19 minutes due to foul trouble, sophomore guard Briana Kelly stepped up her scoring with 15 points while sophomore guard Jenny Bell added 8 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

Kelly broke an almost 20-year-old record by hitting her 18th consecutive free throw during the game, but the record was snapped on a miss late in the first half.

The Owls are off this weekend and will next play on Tuesday, February 15 at Framingham State at 5:30 p.m.

Westfield's men's basketball team took a 75-66 loss on Tuesday against MCLA.

Sophomore center Matt Devine led the Owls (8-14, 4-5 MASCAC) with 25 points, 6 rebounds and 5 blocks.

MCLA led 28-23 at halftime after both teams struggled offensively in the first half.

The Trailblazers opened up a 13 point lead midway through the second half that the Owls were unable to comeback from, despite

Devine's 17 second half points.

Freshman guard Andrew Morgan scored 11 points and added 4 assists while senior forward Jesse Benoit collected 6 points and 10 rebounds.

Westfield will hit the road next Tuesday, February 15 to take on Framingham State at 7:30 p.m.

WSU's men's ice hockey team won two straight games last week to improve to 4-14-2 on the season.

The Owls collected their first win of the week on Thursday, February 3 with a shocking 4-0 shutout win over Plymouth State, who had only two losses on the season heading into the game.

Freshman goalie Eddie Davey picked up his first collegiate win by stopping 27 shots without allowing a goal.

Freshman forward Vince Perreault scored his eighth goal of the season and added two assists in the win.

Junior captain A.J. Shiverdecker (5th goal of season), sophomore Jeff Callahan (2) and freshman Ian Reopel (1) each scored a goal while Josh McCully and senior captain Dennis Zak added two assists apiece.

Westfield followed up the win with an 11-2 blowout victory over Framingham State on Saturday, February 5.

Zak led the Owls with an unheard of 4 goals (13) and 4 assists in a game that featured a combined 32 penalties.

Junior Pat Nelson (4) scored two goals and added two assists, senior Drew LaCombe (1) put in one goal and two assists, Perreault (10) tallied two goals and one assist and McCully added three assists.

Sophomore Jason Nelson (5) and Reopel (2) each added a goal in the win.

Davey picked up his second straight win in net for the Owls by saving 29 shots while allowing just two goals.

The Owls will face Fitchburg State in their final home game of the season on Thursday, February 17 at 7:35

p.m.

Westfield State's men's track and field team had multiple athletes place in the Dartmouth College Indoor Classic on Saturday, February 5 in Hanover, NH.

Sophomore Anthony Frissora was Westfield's highest placer, finishing third in the 800 meter with a time of 1:59.03.

Frissora was named the MASCAC men's track and field athlete of the week following his third place finish in the 800-meter at the Dartmouth Classic.

Brendan Corcoran placed fourth in the 400-meter dash (51.0), as did sophomore Tom Gauger in the pole vault (13-6 1/4) and Robert Fitzgibbon in the high jump (6-0).

John Murphy finished fifth in the 200-meter dash and eighth in the 60-meter dash, Tim Concannon finished fifth in the triple jump, James Flynn finished sixth in the 200-meter dash and Patrick Regan finished sixth in the one-mile run.

WSU's women's track and field team also competed in the Dartmouth Classic last Saturday.

Freshman Targie Gervais finished first in the 60-meter dash with a new school record of 7.88 seconds and finished second in the 200-meter dash (26.54).

Gervais also ran the anchor leg of the school record setting all-freshman 4x100 relay team (1:47.95) that also featured Marie Gulino, Amanda Johnson and Megan Faunce.

Senior Amanda Gricus also broke a school record in the 20-pound weight throw with her first place toss of 53-0 3/4.

Gervais and Gricus were named the MASCAC women's track and field athletes of the week for their outstanding performances in the Dartmouth Classic.

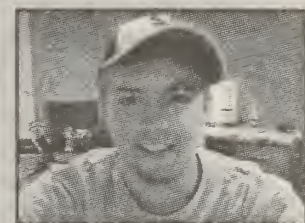
Johnson finished fourth in the triple jump, Gulino finished fifth in the 500 meter and Kaitlyn Barth finished fifth in the triple jump for the Owls.

Know an Owl who deserves some recognition?
Let Pete know! Send your "Meet the Owls"
suggestions to: westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



The game lived up to the hype. For the seven plus hours of pre-game coverage, number of celebrities and stars in attendance, and tens of millions of people who watched at home, the game was as good as advertised and gave all fans something to cheer about on Super Sunday.

Green Bay defeated Pittsburgh 31-25 in another classic Super Bowl matchup. It was the fourth straight Super Bowl that will go down as one of the all time greats. A game that saw two-time Super Bowl champion Ben Roethlisberger get the ball back with two minutes left with the chance to make history.

Despite all of Big Ben's mistakes throughout the game, Roethlisberger had a chance to be the hero once again but fell short with the game on the line. Karma's a... well you can finish that sentence.

Big plays and momentum changing drives made the difference in Super Bowl XLV and set the Packers up to bring the Vince Lombardi Trophy home long before Roethlisberger's last pass hit the ground.

One of the biggest plays of the game, one that many are failing to mention, was Tramon Williams recovering his own fumble on Pittsburgh's first punt of the game. If the Steelers had recovered that fumble the momentum of the game would have completely shifted.

Pittsburgh would have had the ball in the red zone with a chance to strike first and get the terrible towels going nice and early.

But Williams recovered his own fumble, erasing from most people's memory what would have been a dire blunder to start the game.

The game featured a ton of other big plays. From Nick Collins' brilliant interception returned for a touchdown, to

Clay Matthews' forced fumble on Rashard Mendenhall, to crucial touchdowns by Jordy Nelson, Hines Ward, Greg Jennings and Mike Wallace.

But the biggest play of the game occurred with 5:59 left in the game. Leading by just a field goal at 28-25 with plenty of time left on the clock, Green Bay faced a critical third-and-ten from its own 25 yard line.

Converting would allow the Packers to kill more clock and continue to keep the ball out of Big Ben's hands. But failing to convert the third down would set Pittsburgh up in good field position with over five minutes left in the game.

Out of the shotgun, Aaron Rodgers dropped back to pass and hit Greg Jennings over the middle on a perfectly thrown seam route for 31 yards. It was the play of the night, a perfect pass and a great catch.

On a night when Pittsburgh knew Rodgers was going to throw, throw and throw some more (Green Bay called 39 passing plays compared to just 11 running plays), the third-year starter shined brightest with the spotlight on him. Not every throw was perfect. And six drops from his receivers didn't help.

But in this game when it mattered most, Aaron Rodgers was perfect. Quarterbacks often win the Super Bowl MVP simply because of their position. But Rodgers was truly the MVP of Super Bowl XLV. It's not even debatable.

Jordy Nelson made up for his numerous drops by coming up with a monster game of nine catches for 140 yards and a TD with the Packers' missing veteran Donald Driver for most of the game.

Jarrett Bush filled in valiantly for injured defensive stud Charles Woodson and came up with a key interception late in the second quarter to set up a Green Bay touchdown.

It was the type of game that summed up the type of inspiring season the Packers had. When a key player got hurt, someone else stepped up and took care of business. Green Bay did it all season long, and the Super Bowl was no exception.

Rodgers, in just his third year as Green Bay's starter, has now cemented himself as one of the best quarterbacks in the game (third behind Brady and Manning in my humble opinion) and finally once and for all lifted the shadow of Brett Favre that once loomed large over Green Bay.

Green Bay could very well be a dynasty in the making. Still one of the youngest teams in the league, the Packers have weapons and play makers on both sides of the ball and in a quarterback driven league, Rodgers is one of the best.

Big Ben couldn't do what he did two years against Arizona. The embattled quarterback couldn't lead another Super Bowl comeback and set his legacy as one of the NFL's most clutch QBs of all

time in stone.

Roethlisberger was thoroughly outplayed by his opposing quarterback, just like he was by Kurt Warner in Super Bowl XLIII and even Matt Hasselbeck in Super Bowl XL, but this time he couldn't make any magic happen at the end.

Roethlisberger's picturesque ending to the season on a so called "team of destiny" (that began with Big Ben serving a four game suspension following allegations of sexual assault) was not to be. This night was Mr. Rodgers' time to shine.

As for the other stuff, everyone needs to relax and get off the Black Eyed Peas backs. Their singing was terrible for the most part, that's undeniable, but it was an entertaining performance nonetheless.

Let's remember, concerts and performances of that nature are 100% better live in-person, and as someone who's seen the Peas live, they put on an exciting show.

The group is all about computers, technology, lights and a bunch of other hoopla to

enhance their performances and make them as cool as they are. That's a fact. If you don't like it, go complain to someone who cares because my Facebook newsfeed is tired of all your whines.

My favorite Super Bowl commercials were the ads for Brisk and Chrysler that both featured Eminem (the full length Chrysler commercial is simply awesome), the two Bridgestone commercials (the Beaver one and the guy who hit "reply all") and of course the Darth Vader Volkswagen commercial.

By the way, NBA All-Star weekend is this weekend and all I have to say is thank God that Yao Ming (who has played in a whopping five games this year) was replaced on the Western Conference team by the well deserving Kevin Love, who has been absolute beast this year.

Sunday is my birthday so I'll probably miss most of the game driving back to school from spending the weekend home celebrating, but all the good stuff happens on Saturday night and I'll get to see that.



Upcoming WSU Home Games

Thursday, February 17

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Fitchburg State @ 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, February 19

Women's Basketball vs. Fitchburg State @ 1:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Fitchburg State @ 3:00 p.m.



Support your Owls!



Vince Lombardi Trophy heads back to Title Town

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

It was only fitting for Aaron Rodgers to take home the Vince Lombardi trophy this season, capping off one of the most impressive postseason runs of all time.

Like Drew Brees a season ago, Rodgers owned this year's postseason as he earned the Super Bowl MVP, a quarterback rating of 109.8 and racked up over 1,000 yards in the air.

Aside from everyone who won their Super Bowl squares, the Packers were the big winners Sunday earning Green Bay's fourth Super Bowl trophy. The Packers now rank third all time in most Super Bowl wins in NFL history.

Super Bowl XLV will be most remembered for a hand full of things other than the

game itself. For starters, the event didn't start out smoothly when Christina Aguilera forgot to sing a line from the National Anthem.

The halftime show wasn't any better as the Black Eyed Peas performed a mega mix of their hits in a terribly executed way.

In addition to Fergie's microphone being randomly shut up during the performance, each song only last about 40 seconds and there was too much going on down on the field.

Otherwise, the Super Bowl was as exciting as they get when the Steelers quickly found themselves down from the start of the game when Green Bay jumped out to a 21-3 lead.

Turnovers at the worst moments shot Pittsburgh in the foot multiple times. Nick Collins of the Packers brought back an interception for six to open the game up at 14-0.

The Steelers chipped away at the lead all game as they closed the gap at halftime by a score of 21-10.

Pittsburgh scored first in the third quarter to stay in the ball game, bringing the score even closer at 21-17.

Rashard Mendenhall ran the ball well all game averaging 4.5 yards a carry but was unable to get the ball as much as Mike Tomlin would have wanted because of the deficit they were faced with from the start.

Starting off on top would have allowed Ben Roethlisberger to get comfortable and not do too much. Instead, Green Bay jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead which caused Big Ben to make some ill-advised throws he usually then commits.

Rodgers played well like usual as he spread the ball around to eight different

receivers. An ankle injury to veteran wide receiver Donald Driver's foot kept him on the sideline for half of the game.

Rodgers, who has arguably the best receiving core in the NFL, was forced to find other targets like in Jordy Nelson.

Aside from a few drops, Nelson stepped up big-time moving the chains with nine catches for 140 yards and one that went for six.

Even though the Steelers made a strong surge late in the second half, the Packers defense responded by stopping Pittsburgh's offense on 4th down to hold on for a 31-25 victory.

So what does this mean for the Packers now?

Well, for the Green Bay district, that means celebrating by getting out of school and work early to greet the team coming home Monday. Rodgers

has already tied his predecessor, Brett Favre, in Super Bowl wins and got the monkey off of his back.

By alleviating some of this pressure, Rodgers will look forward towards further beating more of Favre's record in years to come.

What's next for the Steelers? Pittsburgh has a lot of experience in their locker room with classy people from the ownership of the Rooney family to the players.

With a little help from the NFL Draft, the Steelers can strengthen their team in ways they were beat in the Super Bowl. They need to tighten up their secondary and surround Troy Polamalu with more players with playmaking abilities.

They will bounce back and once again be in the hunt to make it to the Super Bowl next year in Indianapolis.

Super Bowl brings in record audience, but what's next for NFL?

Matt Jordin
Voice Reporter

Super Bowl XLV was the most watched television event in U.S. history.

Over 111 million people watched the Packers beat the Steelers in a game that may be the last NFL games seen until after this football fan graduates from college.

The Super Bowl racks up a large number of viewers every year, but this year the NFL made history with a matchup between two of its most storied franchises.

The Green Bay Packers, who have more NFL titles than any other team with 13 (4 of them are modern day Super Bowls) and the Pittsburgh Steelers, who have an NFL leading 6 Super Bowl titles, both have very impressive resumes.

No doubt this was a highly anticipated game for anyone who is a full blooded football fan. But was this Super Bowl the last game they can see before a lockout?

Whatever the reason, the NFL has made history and now football has been viewed more than any other program. Take that Jersey Shore, and all those other reality shows.

More important is the looming lockout situation. After a Super Bowl that brought in \$3 million for every 30 seconds of commercials, how do you possibly go into a lockout?

The sport is at the height of its popularity and the selfish owners and players are going to take it away from the fans? That seems like a very bad idea, one that would cost both sides more money than adding two games or paying players more ever could.

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Congratulations Green Bay, you have just won the Super bowl! What a great way to end a fabulous season in which fans were able to witness some great football.

But what about next year? If the NFL owners and players are unable to come together and reach a new collective bargaining agreement by March 3rd at 11:59 p.m., we could see a fall without football and even year without a Super Bowl.

No one is quite sure exactly what would happen if that day passes without a new deal, but the consequences could certainly be dire.

An estimated \$9 billion-per-year operation could

come crumbling down because the owners want changes including an 18-game regular season, a rookie salary cap and a pay cut to the players' share of revenue

An NFL lockout would be the height of greed at a time where owners and players should be sitting back and counting their money.

The owners, who opted out of an original agreement reached in 2006, are unhappy with the salary structure and are therefore willing to risk interrupting a sport that can do no wrong in the eyes of the public as long as games are being played.

However, it's difficult to ask the average Joe to wait awhile as millionaires and billionaires are dueling over contract language.

With more and more

people out of work and searching for healthy outlets, sports are as critical a part of the culture now as ever.

But those same people looking for consistent paychecks aren't exactly going to feel any sympathy for the "poor" owners if they shut the doors despite millions upon millions in annual revenue.

If the lockout extends beyond the summer and interrupts games, or - God forbid - erases the 2011-12 season, the carnage will be devastating.

Without an agreement, the league and its players risk dragging fans into a world without rules, one sure to carry unintended consequences and a world where there is no fantasy football and nothing good on TV on Sundays.

Aquarius**(January 21 – February 19)**

If you're too willing to jump to conclusions, you'll really end up undermining yourself this week. Your ability to communicate clearly and understand others will be extremely important at this time.

Pisces**(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

If you end up coming into a little extra money, just try not to spend it all in one place. You could be inclined to waste a lot of money this week if you're not careful.

Aries**(March 21 - April 20)**

You'll really feel like you're ready to strike out on your own and prove yourself. And the idea of taking greater control over your own life is bound to sound very appealing to you at this time.

Taurus**(April 21 – May 21)**

Try not to let yourself get sidetracked by any unnecessary distractions this week. If you're not paying attention, you may end up missing out on something important.

Gemini**(May 22 – June 21)**

If some friends or loved ones are behaving a bit erratically, some unexpected difficulties are bound to be popping up with a few people. You may have a hard time reconciling your social plans with some other obligations you have.

Cancer**(June 22 – July 22)**

A number of interesting opportunities should be crossing your path. Be sure that you don't let any surprising developments catch you off guard or unprepared. Certain situations will really be coming to a head this week.

Leo**(July 23 – August 23)**

You'll really be eager to broaden your horizons a bit. So just be sure that you take advantage of any new opportunities when it comes to travel or education at this time.

Virgo**(August 24 – September 22)**

Be careful not to make any impulsive decisions where your finances are concerned. Be sure that you make only the safest investments with your money, and try to avoid anything that seems at all risky.

Libra**(September 23 – October 22)**

It may be a little hard for you to figure out certain people. And no matter what you do, you're bound to experience a few conflicts between your needs and those of others.

Scorpio**(October 23 – November 21)**

Plenty of interesting developments should be popping up in your life this week, but you might feel like you don't really have the energy to deal with everything.

Sagittarius**(November 22 – December 21)**

Your desire for fun, adventure and romance should be clear to everyone around you, and there may even be a few romantic surprises in store for you later this week.

Capricorn**(December 21 – January 20)**

You're bound to be feeling a little irritable this week, and a few things around the house will really start getting on your nerves and could end up leading to a little drama.

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Letter from Ricki Kantrowitz, Honors Program Coordinator:

Dear WSU students:

Build your resume and share your

and/or creative, for the 17th Annual Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference, held at UMass Amherst on Friday, April 22, 2011.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011.

To submit, go to the website for the conference: <http://webapp.comcol.umass.edu>

You complete the Participant Registration form yourself, and there is also information on the website about writing abstracts.

To help you, we will hold s

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Forty-seven Westfield State University students presented at the conference last year. Help us to have an even larger number this year. We have reserved a college van for transportation for the day.

Presentation topics included pa

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Remember: This conference is open to students from any year or discipline and is NOT restricted to honors students.

The WSU students who presented last year had a great experience; now it's your turn!

For more information please contact one of us or Gretchen Konrad in the Honors Program at gkonrad@wsc.ma.edu.

Sincerely,

Ricki Kantrowitz, Honors Program Coordinator

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Interested in sharing your work with students throughout the state?

Then this is for you!

Abstract Writing Workshop for the 17th
Annual Undergraduate Conference for
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If you're interested, come to the
Honors Center in Mod Hall 103-D
on Tuesday, February 15 at 6 p.m.

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Westfield's etiquette dinner

Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

Have you ever wondered what fork you are supposed to use to eat your meal at a fancy restaurant?

Have you ever wondered where you should place a cloth napkin when going to the restroom?

An Etiquette Dinner would give you the answers to all those questions and more.

At an Etiquette Dinner, students learn the basics to being professional when out to lunch with a future employer or at dinner with a co-worker.

Students learn proper table manners and what to do when ordering a meal.

Students also learn which utensils are used during each part of the meal, such as the different forks for your salad and main course.

On Thursday, February 24, co-sponsors Career Center, Honors Program, and Residential Life have set up an Etiquette Dinner to help

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Photo by totallycoolpix.com

Egyptian people rejoice after President Mubarak resigns from office. For more on Egypt, see *Egyptian president resigns after 29 years in office* on page 4.

Vagina Monologues

Jennifer DiRosario
Voice Reporter

Every year in honor of the V-Day campaign and *The Vagina Monologues*, organizations around the world gather together in order to support and spread awareness about violence against women and girls.

In 1994, a playwright by the name of Eve Ensler wrote a play entitled *The Vagina Monologues*.

They play included topics about rape, birth, sex, abuse, sexuality, and masturbation. But it was not until 1998 that this play was finally performed and turned into a global phenomenon.

This year Westfield State University will be performing *The Vagina Monologues*, with a spotlight focus on the troubles in Haiti. Being a part of the V-Day campaign myself is only part of a larger movement to stop violence against women.

According to the United Nations, "one of every three women on the planet will be physically or

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Quick Hits

Friday, Feb. 18

6:00p.m. - Wii Band
Hero on the big screen
Ely Main Lounge

8:00p.m. - MOVIE:
Tyler Perry's for
Colored Girls
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Feb. 19

3:00p.m. - Men's
Basketball vs.
Fitchburg State
Woodward Center

8:00p.m. - MOVIE: For
Colored Girls
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, Feb. 20

7:30p.m. - Emma Mur-
ray,
Singer/Songwriter
Dever Stage

8:00p.m. - MOVIE: For
Colored Girls
Ely Main Lounge

Student Government Association: Spring Weekend headliner and SunGard banner issues

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association convened on Tuesday, February 8 for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Although the meeting was brief, several points may be of interest to students.

The Vice President of Academic Life, Tony Iozzo said he received, "an email update from Chris Hirtle from IT regarding the latest on the portal and registration woes."

Hirtle said, "We have been working very closely and extensively with our vendor for the Banner records system, SunGard Higher Education. What we have discovered, along with SunGard, is some defects in the programming language that is utilized in the module that controls the registration process each semester."

"On top of that we have also found some issues in the Oracle database that Banner uses as its engine."

He continued, "Both issues are being addressed and we are systematically testing everything along the way to make sure we have

a complete solution to the registration issues.

"We believe we are close to solution but are not

putting in many extra hours (nights and weekends) to solve these issues. I can also tell you that we are not alone and

for SunGard and of course it is for us as well," Hirtle said.

Rest assured, students, IT is working hard in search of a legitimate solution to our online registration frustrations.

The Vice President of Programming, Brandon Burr, has officially announced, "Travie McCoy is going to be the headliner for Spring Weekend. The concert is April 9th at 5:30p.m."

"Thick as Thieves will be the opener as well. Spring weekend itself is April 8th and 9th," Burr said.

Along with comedian Arvin Mitchell, performing at 9p.m., there will also be Brown Bag Bingo and late-night pancakes on Friday night.

CAB hosts Brown Bag Bingo on the last Friday of every month at 11:00p.m.

Due to the recurrent snow days, the Dave and Ethan Comedy Show has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 22 at 8p.m. in the Ely Campus Center.

Student Government Elections are coming up and will take place in April. The next Student Government meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 22 at 5:30 PM.



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SGA got singer Travie McCoy to be the headline performer for Spring Weekend 2011.

there completely yet. The administrative systems team within Information Technology is working very hard and

that other schools using the SunGard Banner system are experiencing similar issues. This has become a top priority

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Quick guide to healthier lifestyle

Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

Everyone hears about it. Whether it's called "the freshman fifteen," "the college curse," or just "lazy college kids," we all know what it is.

It's not uncommon for college students to gain or lose weight, somewhere between five and 20 pounds is normal. But it's not always pleasant, and in many cases, it's definitely not healthy.

Here are a few ways to stay healthy and active around campus.

Most crazy fad diets don't work. Sure, you lose the weight, but unless you only want to drink power shakes for the rest of your life, you're going to gain the weight back quick.

The best way to lose weight and keep it off is a balanced diet. Eat lots of whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, eat lower calorie foods, lower saturated fats, and lower trans fat. Eat moderate amounts of meat, and eat low-fat or non-fat dairy foods.

Don't jump right into a new routine. Change your diet a little at a time; otherwise your stomach might not like you for a few days.

Stuff your grilled cheese with spinach leaves, grab an apple or orange at breakfast, only eat a little bit of dessert at a time. When you eat meat, try not to eat a portion larger than your palm.

Skipping meals to lose pounds is not healthy and will not get you anywhere in the long run.

Eat before your first class, grab something mid-day, and eat a good supper. At night, pick an hour that you won't eat after, say 9 or 10p.m. Falling asleep on a full stomach can cause the food to become fat quicker.

If you don't have time in the day to eat a full meal,

pack granola bars, yogurt, fruits, and/or crackers, and drink water or milk with it.

Skipping lunch because you don't have time between classes just makes you hungry, which in turn makes you crave more food, and when you do eat your body stores it as fat, thinking food is scarce.

Another thing that helps with weight loss and a healthy diet is sleep. Typically, every two hours you are awake you should sleep an hour at night. Never sleep less than five hours a night consecutively if you can help it.

Try not to over sleep either. Unless you have been working hard and really need the rest, sleeping more than ten hours is not healthy either.

It can increase your appetite, and you don't get the same exercise to burn it off. Waking yourself up might not feel great at the time, but you're body will thank you for it later.

Getting an early start on the day will make you feel healthier, and your diet will stabilize with it. Set a reasonable goal, get on a good schedule and try to hit as near to it as possible.

If you have the extra time, getting exercise along with good sleep and a healthy diet will not only help you lose weight, but will help you keep it off.

Or, go dancing. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, and is a great cardio activity. Even take a couple laps around the mall every time you go, challenging yourself to do just a bit more than you think you can. Remember to drink lots of water.

Try setting small goals for yourself. Start with five pounds in two weeks, and when you've met that goal and held the weight for a while, go to the next step.

Don't immediately switch to only eating salads at every meal. Instead slowly add it into your diet, taking smaller

portions of other things and a small side salad.

Don't completely cut out your sweets; just eat fewer and fewer at a time. That way you don't have crazy cravings that throw you off your goals.

Don't push yourself in the gym until you are exhausted, it'll make you miserable and in pain. Just go slightly farther than you think you can.

Also, it's psychologically better for you not to weigh yourself every day. When you do and you don't see improvement, you get depressed and feel like it's not working. Weigh yourself once or twice a month.

Did you know the gym on campus has personal trainers and organized classes five days a week? Try talking to them or signing up for one of the classes to see how you do. The Career Center also has a dietician on hand, so if you are having trouble figuring out what is good for you, try making an appointment there.

If you stick to a routine like this, not only will you be more likely to keep the weight off, you'll also be learning healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

Also, random splurges when you go out to eat or don't eat as healthy one day won't effect you as strongly as it would if you were on a crazy fad diet.

The most important thing is to keep your chin up. Stay positive, set small goals, and fit it to your life style. If you aren't sure if you are getting all the different things you need in your diet, take a supplement or drink a v8.

If for any reason you feel sick, weak or over tired, stop immediately and consult your doctor or Health Services. They know what will work best for you and your body. This quick guide is not meant to replace or contradict a licensed physician's advice.

Student Spotlight



Name: Amy Wing
Hometown: North Reading
Major: Liberal Studies

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

Well, I see myself going to grad. school for early childhood education and hopefully getting a job and raising a wonderful family!

If you had the chance to invite any person over for dinner, who would it be and what would you talk about?

I would invite Beyonce to dinner and I would work her through the divorce rumors with Jay-Z.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

Go to track.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Being on the executive committee of SGA and getting involved because I made lasting friendships that I wouldn't otherwise have had.

Lucky Number?

23, "I make my own luck."

What is something weird that you've always wanted to do?

I have always wanted a black eye.

If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Egyptian president resigns after 29 years in office



Tim Callery
Voice Reporter

After eighteen days of protest that began in late January, Egypt is one step closer to establishing a true democracy.

A month ago, it would have seemed nearly impossible, but last Friday, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak resigned, giving up the position he has held for 29 years and handing power over to the military.

This remarkable

turnaround come on a day that began with the largest crowd to gather in Cairo's Tahrir Square in protest because Mubarak had appeared to stand firm in the previous days.

The weathering of 18 straight days of protest, however, eventually took its toll and Mubarak resigned last Friday.

"In these grave circumstances that the country is passing through, President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak has decided to leave his position as the president of the republic," Vice President Omar Suleiman said in an address to the country.

With fireworks lighting up the night's sky, Egyptians of all ages took to the streets waving flags, yelling cheers and applauding, all partaking in what could be considered the nation's biggest celebration in its over 6,000-year civilization.

Mubarak turned his power over to the Egyptian Armed Forces who came on state television, promising

the people that the military will pursue democracy.

Also, the armed forces saluted the 300 civilians who gave their lives for freedom during the days of protest.

In a press conference at the White House, President Obama said that the, "Egyptians have made it clear nothing less than genuine democracy will carry the day."

Obama also ensured the Egyptian people that the United States will maintain a strong partnership with Egypt and will provide any necessary assistance.

What happens next will be both difficult and delicate.

President Obama has said there are still difficult days ahead during this time of transition.

The Egyptian military has pledged to lead the country towards democracy and to hold elections in September.

What those elections will look like will not be

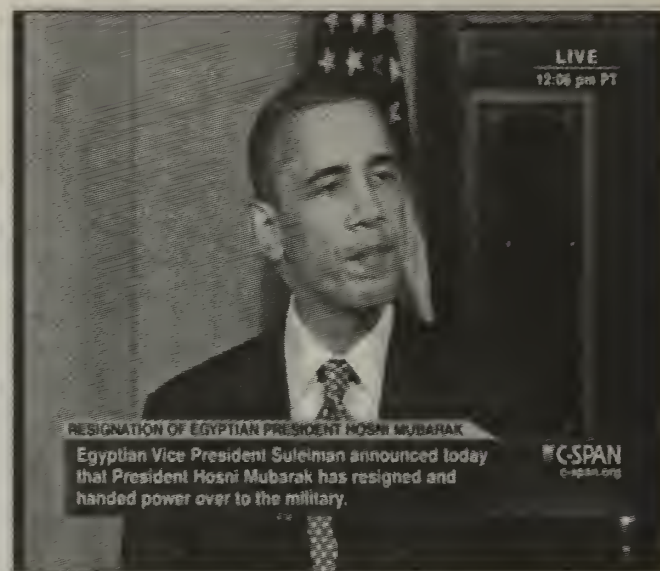


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President Obama ensured Egyptian people that after President Mubarak's resignation the U.S. would still be in strong relations with Egypt.

known until the dust from this celebration has settled.

Although Mubarak has finally resigned, some of the protest groups have said that they will continue weekly demonstrations to maintain pressure on the military to stand by their promises of a better government.

WSU puts on V-Day performance

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This is a startling statistic that V-Day and *The Vagina Monologues* brings to the audiences' attention.

"It is an honor to be a part of such an amazing cause," said Shawna Manning, co-director for this year's V-Day show.

"Our cast has worked very hard these last couple

of months, and I am proud at how awesome we all are.

"I can't think of anything better than having fun while representing a great organization and that is exactly what *The Vagina Monologues* and the entire V-Day campaign allows us all to do.

"I am so thankful for our 2011 cast and everyone that is coming out

to support us," Manning said.

This year's show will be taking place on Friday February 25th and Saturday February 26th at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7) in Dever Auditorium.

It costs \$3 for students or seniors and \$5 for adults. So come out and support the V-Day cause to see many females perform *The Vagina Monologues* up on stage.

If you go to this performance, or any other performances on campus, write about it!

Review a show and we'll publish it!

Send any and all works to: thevoice@wsc.ma.edu



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The Vagina Monologues provokes organizations to gather together to spread awareness of violence against women.

43 years of celebration for George Washington's birthday



Alex Myers
Editor-in-Chief

This year, on February 21, 2011, will mark the observation of the 43rd annual Presidents Day.

This day marks the anniversary of former president George Washington's birthday.

He was born on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. When Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in February

of 1582, his birthday was moved to February 22, 1732.

Before his birthday was considered a federal holiday, Americans and members of the Committee celebrated it as such.

Congress adjourned on February 22, 1832 out of respect for Washington and his birth.

The House and Senate commemorated on the 130th anniversary of Washington's birth and read his Farewell Address aloud.

Archives.gov writes, "In a special joint session held in the House Chamber, the House and Senate, along with several cabinet official, Justices of the Supreme Court and high-ranking officers of the Army and Navy, gathered together to listen to the Secretary of State read the address aloud."

After a while, the reading of Washington's Farewell Address became an annual tradition that is still done today.

Washington's birthday was not recognized as a federal holiday until January 31, 1879

when Congress added the date of his birth, February 22, to the list of holidays observed by federal employees in D.C.

The act was never clear as to whether or not District of Columbia employees were to be paid for the holiday.

In actuality, some government employees were paid and others were not.

Congress fixed the unclear payment issue in 1885 with a piece of legislation that required federal employees to be paid for all federal holidays.

This legislation also made federal holidays applicable to all federal government employees whether employed in the Washington, D.C. area or not.

Washington's birthday continued to be celebrated on the 22nd of February, regardless of what day it fell, until well into the 20th century.

In 1968, Congress passed the "Monday Holiday Law" to provide, "uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays."

With that act passed,



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February 21, 2011 marks the anniversary of the 43rd annual "President's Day."

it changed the celebration of Washington's birthday to a day other than February 22.

Having more three-day weekends, according to the Monday Holiday Law, would require the holiday to be celebrated on the third Monday in February.

Consequently, with the shortness of that month, the third Monday in February cannot fall any later than February

21 and therefore will never be celebrated on Washington's actual date of birth.

What many might not know is that Congress nor the President has ever made the claim that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's birthday be changed to "President's Day." That is something the media stipulated and has been called that ever since.

Sheepsheadbites.com put together some facts about presidents in celebration of President's Day! Enjoy!

1. Thomas Jefferson was the first president to shake hands with guests. Previously, people bowed. We can all thank him for religious freedom, the Library of Congress, and our increased risk of swine flu.
2. President Taft weighed 332 lbs and got stuck in the White House bathtub. He was also the first to authorize federal income taxes.
The second fact makes it okay for us to make fun of him for the first fact.
3. James Madison was the first president to wear pants. Before him, they wore knee breeches. Strangely, schools bearing his name have trouble employing people who can keep their pants on.
4. George W. Bush lost the popular vote to Al Gore by 500,000 votes.

Enjoy the Monday holiday everyone and don't forget to wish George Washington a happy birthday! ;)

The Proud Conservative

Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

The big news throughout the past couple of weeks has been the mass protests in Egypt, which eventually forced President Hosni Mubarak to resign. It has been labeled as a secular uprising by oppressed citizens yearning for change.

For more than a week, Egyptians fed up with deepening poverty, corruption and 30 years of Mubarak's autocratic rule, have massed across the country to demand his ouster.

The backlash had forced Mubarak to announce he won't run in the September elections, and then he eventually slipped out of the country several days later, leaving the military temporarily in control until the elections begin.

Although Mubarak has ruled Egypt with an iron fist for the last thirty years, committing crimes such as murdered dissidents, graft, government corruption, etc., he has been an important ally to the United States.

Egypt has been the only major player in the Middle East who recognizes the existence of Israel, which in turn helps out the U.S., who backs the Israeli government. It is almost a certainty that Israel would have been erased from the map already by Jordan, Syria, Iran,

and any other country which supports radical Islam, if it had not been for Egypt's support.

Israel has tremendous support for Mubarak, who carefully honored his country's peace agreement with Israel after taking control nearly thirty years ago. He also worked with Israel to contain the Gaza Strip's Hamas government, and served as a bridge to the broader Arab world. Israeli leaders said that it is essential that whoever emerges as Egypt's next leader continue to honor the peace agreement.

Unfortunately during the course of the turmoil so far, the Obamination Administration, with its usual waffling, has repeatedly recalibrated its posture, initially expressing confidence in Egypt's government, later threatening to withhold U.S. aide, and lastly pressing Mubarak to loosen his grip on power immediately.

It would be nice if the U.S. would make a statement, and then stand by it.

Changing their stance every other day, just further puts the future of Egypt in peril. I think that a country such as the U.S., who since 1979 has poured over 16 billion dollars into the Egyptian economy and further gives them another 1.3 billion a year in military aid, should help police with the turnover of the government, just to ensure fair elections in September.

The Obaminators are so

eager to claim any kind of credit for the revolution that there is even a conspiracy theory that is making the rounds, which in my eyes, deserves to be heard.

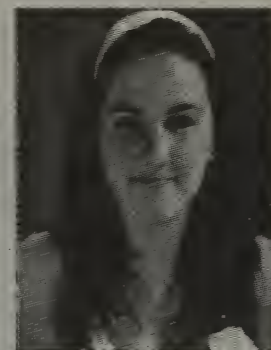
It is a fact that the uprising started at the exact time that the Egyptian military was in Washington discussing armaments, and payments with the U.S. military. This would have been a great time to support a protest, or start one.

The Obaminators definitely would not have expected such turmoil, which would spread so quickly. They were most likely expecting some form of democracy to take over, which Obama and his leftist advisors would take credit for the advice and take over.

Then he could have won a coveted Nobel Peace prize and become immensely popular with Europe and the U.N. enabling a New World Order to take root.

The sad reality is that The Muslim Brotherhood is standing on the sidelines eagerly waiting for their puppet protestors to tire, and then they will swoop in and install an ultra-orthodox Sharia, with the extreme fanatic leader, Mohamed ElBaradei, in charge. This is a guy who honors Bin Laden and al-Qaeda. So let's just say good-bye to Israel now, and get ready for World War 3 to start in the Middle East. 2012 is almost here.

Editor's Desk



I can't wait to go home this weekend. I have to work, but we're also getting a new television! My dad and I went to Jordan's Furniture to that amazing TV room and we picked out one of the biggest ones!

A Samsung 58" plasma flatscreen. Aw yeah.

It's going to look so beautiful in our living room!

Anyway, we have some new editions to our staff again! We're so excited, it's great to know that so many people are interested and want to help out! It looks great on your resume, people, and there's always something to be done!!

Have a nice long weekend, everyone!

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WSU hosts proper table manners lesson

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students learn the proper ways to use the utensils at a place setting and how to politely eat your food.

Presenter Robert Shutt will review professional dining etiquette during the dinner.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to act professionally at a dinner setting, especially if a future

career has you attending multiple professional dinners.

The Etiquette Dinner will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The event is free, but an RSVP is required. Please e-mail Gretchen Konrad gkonrad@wsc.ma.edu if you are interested in attending.

Remember that a professional dinner could be right around the

corner, especially for those of you who are seniors.

This event is a great opportunity to learn table manners and the proper etiquette for any professional dinner experience.

Also, don't forget that dinner etiquette is not just for professional dinners. You will surely impress your friends if you know your table manners!

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The Angry Liberal:

Obama's decisions on Egypt approved



Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

The spirit of revolution is sweeping over other parts of the Middle East. A week ago, Egypt's long-time president, Hosni Mubarak, resigned after protests calling for his oust lasted almost three weeks.

Although Mubarak's regime has ended and the Egyptian military is now in power to help transition between governments, this does not signify the end of the revolution in Egypt or in other parts of the Middle East.

During this week, protests took place in Iran's capital, Tehran, but these were met with forceful opposition from the government, a response that was criticized by the Obama Administration.

Earlier in the week, Obama encouraged the leaders of these Middle Eastern countries to be "ahead of change" and not "behind the curve" amidst these revolutions.

Obama, as always, was subjected to a barrage of criticism about handling the Egyptian revolution.

Complaints abounded and included accusations that Obama did not take a definitive stance or strategy during the crisis, that he wavered; and that he supported Mubarak and the protestors at the same time.

Some of

the potential 2012 presidential candidates also issued their criticism.

Newt Gingrich called Obama's handling of the Egyptian revolution "clumsy" and complained that "you couldn't tell from day to day what the policy was."

The problem was that no one could tell from day to day what was actually happening in Egypt.

The Obama Administration actually had difficulties obtaining information from Egypt during the days of major upheaval and crisis.

Presidential hopeful Sarah Palin also offered criticism of the handling of the crisis, saying that "we need strength and sound mind there in the White House."

It appears that the policy of supporting the transition of power and avoiding meddling in Egyptia affairs does not demonstrate that Obama has a "sound mind" or "strength."

Another Republican, a former senator and possibly a 2012 candidate, said that Obama should not have sided with the protestors, but rather with Mubarak, because he was a U.S. ally for such a long time. And where is the desire for democracy?

Approval, if you can call it that, actually came from an unlikely source, House Speaker John Boehner.

According to Boehner, even U.S. intelligence was surprised by the whole revolution but overall, Obama dealt with "a very difficult situation about as well as it could be handled."

Nicely said, Mr. Boehner. This was such a difficult time that even receiving intelligence about the crisis was difficult.

President Obama

should be commended, not criticized, for not intervening in the Egyptian revolution and forcing American plans or ideals on the Egyptian people.

President Obama said it best when he defended the policy in Egypt and asked for "understanding that America cannot ultimately dictate what happens inside of Iran any more than it could inside of Egypt; that ultimately these are sovereign countries that are going to have to make their own decisions."

Egypt is in charge of Egypt, and not meddling in other nations' affairs may help the diplomatic image of the United States and not waste resources, time or any more money on these types of actions in other countries.

Obama wavering for a moment in his foreign policy to see what Egyptians would do in Egypt is a much more effective policy than forcing democracy or even dictators on other countries and intruding on their right to govern themselves in their own countries.

That imperialistic, or in more recent years, neo-conservative foreign policy has failed too many times.

Obama has clearly done a much better job, and really, any policy is better than the damaging and poorly-executed policies of Bush.

Even if it is just in this one area, Obama has made change in the country and Americans should be happy about it.

Whether or not President Obama receives any more criticism about the handling of Egypt remains to be seen, but overall, Obama did make it over this foreign policy hurdle.

A USA TODAY/ Gallup Poll survey showed that 66% of Americans approved of the way that Obama handled the Egyptian crisis.

Editor's Desk



Hi!

This week has been VERY stressful. I need this long weekend. Ask Samantha, she probably hates me because I've been in a grumpy mood all week. I'll snap out of it - all this work being piled on at once is killing me. A weekend with my boyfriend will be really nice.

It was our three year anniversary on Valentine's Day (cute, right?) and since I was here that weekend, he's taking me out when I get home. I'm really excited :) Something to put a smile on my face right?

Well I have to go - homework is calling my name and even though I don't want to listen to it, I must. Bye all!

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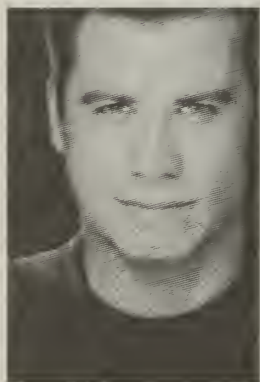
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By Samantha Fahey

John Travolta – Born Feb. 18, 1954

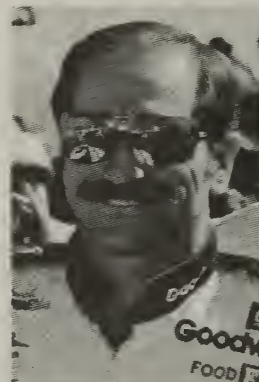


Travolta was born in Englewood, New Jersey as the youngest of six children. After graduating from high school, he got a role in the musical Grease and traveled with the

company all around New York. Early in his life, he was in numerous television shows and played small roles in movies like Carrie in 1976. But his most memorable old school movie roles were Saturday Night Fever in 1977 and Grease in 1978. Saturday Night Fever won him an Oscar nod for Best Actor, making him one of the youngest actors ever nominated in this category. For a period of his life, Travolta starred in a few box office flops

and turned down roles in movies that became hits, putting his career on a downward spiral. But since then he has revived himself with roles like Pulp Fiction, Hairspray, and the Taking of Pelham 123. On January 2009, Travolta and his wife Kelly Preston suffered the loss of their son, who died while on their family vacation in the Bahamas from a seizure. On November 23, 2010 the couple gave birth to a son and named him Benjamin.

Dale Earnhardt– Died Feb. 18, 2001



Dale was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina. His dad was Ralph Earnhardt who was one of the best short-track drivers in North Carolina. Ralph didn't want his son follow-

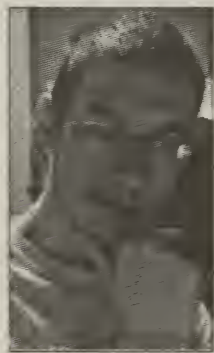
ing in his footsteps, but Dale could not be persuaded and he even dropped out of school in order to race. When he was 17 he married his first wife and they had a son but they divorced a year later. He then married his second wife, Brenda Gee, and together they had two children, Kelley King and Ralph Dale Jr. They then divorced as well, and he married his last wife; together they had a daughter. Dale achieved quite a lot in his racing career.

During the 2001 Daytona 500 Earnhardt showed early promise and maintained a front position for most of the race. When a multi-car crash caused by Tony Stewart was cleared, Earnhardt and his son Earnhardt Jr. were fighting for the front spot, along with Michael Waltrip. After a crash that looked relatively minor compared to numerous others, Dale Earnhardt was rushed by helicopter to a local hospital here he was pronounced dead.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Book Review: V for Vendetta, the graphic novel

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter



"V for Vendetta", written by Alan Moore and illustrated by David Lloyd, is a graphic novel about a masked man fighting for freedom against a tight-fisted totalitarian state, an England set in the near future.

It follows the exploits of an anarchist who calls himself V as he attempts to

topple the regime, and the lives of those that either sympathize with him or try to catch him.

It could also be argued that this is the story of Evey Hammond, a girl of 16 that V saves in the beginning from the government, and her involvement in V's plot.

Perhaps you have seen the movie and so you think that you know the story enough. Believe me – you'd be mistaken.

Many scenes are completely different between the movie and the book.

The characters are different, the dialogue is at many points nothing like the movie's, and in some ways even the main plot itself is contradictory to the movie's.

In the writing, the characters are what are the strongest.

Every character has a degree of moral ambiguity, and each character makes choices that will by turns make you cheer and squirm.

The regime set up in England is obviously meant to be evil, but that doesn't make the characters who work for the government necessarily evil themselves.

Still, the setting stands out, and strands of the dystopia of George Orwell's "1984" make themselves seen in this reimagining of London.

This is only made more obvious by David Lloyd's brilliant artistry, effectively using color to set the perfect mood for each scene.

There truly is no other graphic novel like this, and it is a must read for anyone who even moderately enjoys graphic novels.
9 out of 10.

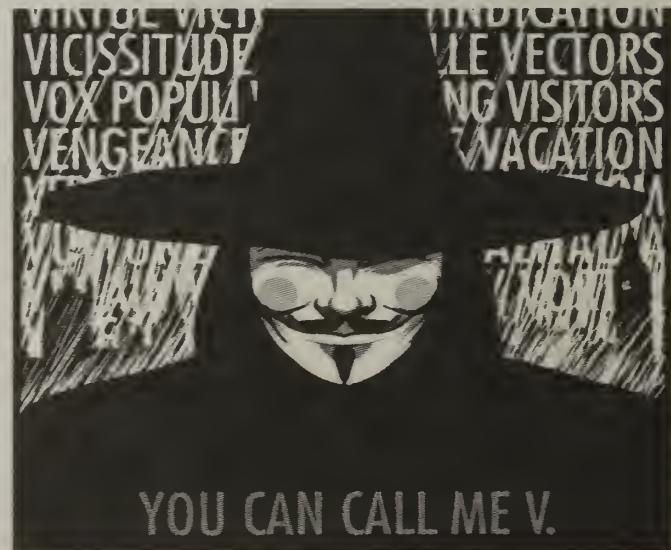


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Top 10 Singles

1. Wiz Khalifa - Black & Yellow
2. Bruno Mars - Grenade
3. Katy Perry - Firework
4. Pink - F**kin' Perfect
5. Dr. Dre ft. Eminem & Skylar Grey - I Need a Doctor
6. Enrique Iglesias ft. Ludacris & DJ Frank E - Tonight (I'm Lovin' You)
7. Far*East Movement ft. Ryan Tedder - Rocketeer
8. Rihanna ft. Drake - What's My Name?
9. Pitbull ft. T-Pain - Hey Baby (Drop it to the Floor)
10. Britney Spears - Hold it Against Me

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5. Bambi

Top 5 Albums

1. Nicki Minaj - Pink Friday
2. RED - Until We Have Faces
3. Ricky Martin - Musica + Alma + Sexo
4. Bruno Mars - Doo-wops & Hooligans
5. Rihanna - Loud

WSU grad runs World Series of Beer Pong Tournament TV show

Matt Jordin
Voice Reporter

Keith "Clutch" Winer, a recent graduate of WSU, and his production company Bostonian Productions is hosting a competition reality show called "Boston Ruit."

The program will start on MYNetwork TV New England in March 2011. Winer hopes that the show will help audiences see that beer pong is a sport and not just a drinking game.

"Boston Ruit" is an official satellite tournament of the seventh annual "World Series of Beer Pong TM (WSOBP VII)" and will be held at The Greatest Bar Boston.

Players will compete for a qualifying entrance in the WSOBP VII, which includes a four-night stay at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas and a shot at \$50,000.

The tournament

will pull in the best beer pong players in New England.

This show is the first of its kind and is looking to break the game of beer pong out of its underground home and

make it a very popular competition.

The qualifying rounds will take place from 7pm to 10:30pm on February 17th and 18th at The Greatest Bar Boston right



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across the street from the TD Bank Garden.

The top 8 teams from each qualifying round will advance to the championship bracket.

The top 32 teams will compete on February 24th and 25th for the title of "Boston Ruit Champions," and the Grand Prize. Bostonian Productions is owned and operated by Chris Liquori and Keith Winer.

For more information, visit us at our website, www.bostonruit.com or search "Boston Ruit" on Facebook. Contact: Keith Winer, 978-430-7786, Bostonianproductions@gmail.com

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Streetlight Manifesto's "Ship of Fools" Tour Docks in Northampton

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On February 11, Streetlight Manifesto played at the Pearl Street Nightclub in Northampton. Streetlight Manifesto can be best described as a ska punk band with roaring saxophones and trumpets.

The Nightclub is a cozy venue with an upstairs and a downstairs. It was a sold-out show, so the venue was packed to the gills with people in flannel and tight jeans; typical crusty punk kids.

When it was announced that Streetlight would be coming onstage, the concertgoers squished even closer together in order to get closer to the stage.

As soon as they went on, the crowd went wild, especially when frontman and lead guitarist Tomas Kalnoky took his signature place at the left of the stage.

They opened with a roaring "The Receiving End of It All", a cut from their most recent record "Somewhere in the Between", followed by "Failing, Flailing". The crowd screamed along with Tomas as they played "We Will Fall Together".

"Down, Down, Down To Mephisto's Café" was a crowd favorite; everyone danced harder and sang louder as Tomas let the audience take over vocal duties.

"A Better Place, A Better Time", my personal favorite Streetlight Manifesto song, was played next. "Would You Be Impressed?" another crowd favorite, followed. "Forty Days", featuring great trumpet and saxophone work came next.

At most concerts, the crowd is completely focused on the stage, but at this concert, the crowd was more focused on each other,



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especially when "skanking", a dance popular among ska fans. "Point/Counterpoint", perhaps Streetlight's biggest hit song, was played next.

Everyone in the crowd knew every word to the song, and the band fed off of this energy and continued to use this energy for the rest of the show. The band carried this energy through the next few numbers, leading up to "Here's To Life", which features a catchy bass

line that caught the crowd's attention right away. The last song of the night was "The Big Sleep", which is a perfect closer. They came onstage for one last song and encored with "Somewhere in the Between."

All in all, it was a great night with great friends, fabulous music, and plenty of fun. I definitely plan on seeing them in concert again, and I recommend that you check them out as well.

Looking back: Bonnaroo 2010 gives Jay-Z, Stevie Wonder, Tenacious D deliver; Chromeo & Daryl Hall show-stealer

Franny Zupancic
Voice Alum

MANCHESTER, TN – The ninth annual Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival took place in mid-June featuring a diverse line-up that satisfied thousands of fans.

There were far too many bands for one person to see, let alone report on. My final task as the Voice's Arts & Entertainment Editor and exiting senior was to cover the festival after surprisingly being approved for a press pass.

Bonnaroo was a unique experience as I had never been to a music festival before, nor had I ever had to experience the extreme Tennessee summer heat before. It was all worth it, however, as all of the performers I saw exceeded expectations and enhanced the experience.

Main stage headliner Jay-Z delivered a superb performance that cycled through his catalog including older hits like "Big Pimpin'" and newer hits like "Jockin' Jay-Z."

Jay's performance followed a stellar set by Stevie Wonder, who hasn't missed a beat at sixty years of age. Another main stage highlight was Tenacious D who was a surprisingly solid band to see live, with their unique brand of comedic folk-metal.

All of the main stage performers truly performed like they deserved their spot, but the smaller stages housed some hidden gems.

One of the greatest and most influential guitarists of all time performed in one of the smaller tents: Jeff Beck. Jamey Johnson, Against Me!, and Boston's own Dropkick Murphys performed on side



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stages. The side stage act that truly stole the show (or festival) was Chromeo, paired with Daryl Hall of Hall & Oates fame. Daryl Hall has a rock star aura and presence whether he's playing for a festival crowd or playing in his home for his web series, "Live From Daryl's House."

Hall was teamed up with modern electro-funk duo Chromeo and the supergroup alternated between hits from each act.

It was the perfect combination: Chromeo's keyboardist quipped before performing one of his own hits, "when we wrote this song, I remember saying we needed a Daryl Hall style keyboard riff."

Chromeo may very well be our generation's evolved version of Hall & Oates, but it was great to see them perform alongside their greatest influence.

Other performances on my bands-to-see list included

Kid Cudi, B.o.B., Wale, John Fogerty, Weezer, Flaming Lips, Les Claypool, GWAR, the Flaming Lips, and Blues Traveler.

There was truly something for everyone; so much to choose from that you would undoubtedly miss out on some good performances.

There were so many great performances everywhere you turned, though, so it didn't matter. For a more detailed review and video clips, visit www.sweetblogofmine.com/2010/06.

Tips for 'Bonnarookies':

Bring lots of cash. The food there is amazing and any food you bring with you will most likely go uneaten. I recommend the samosas, the jalapeno & pineapple pizza, and the veggie corn dogs. (They are VERY vegetarian-friendly.)

Bring lots of water. Not only that, but try to bring the largest-sized containers of water possible. Cases are nice,

but you go through them so fast that it's a pain. This year's new addition was filtered water stations. You'll want to bring a large bottle to fill when you go into Centeroo, rather than a few small bottles.

Learn the layout early. Preferably in the evening on Thursday when it's getting cooler. If it's 92 degrees on Friday afternoon and you don't know where you're going when looking for a show or a specific area, you're wasting a lot of energy.

Don't bother showering. I know, it's gross. They have shower facilities that cost \$7, but you'll already be dirty and sweaty by the time you get back to your camp site, and that's a promise. So, why bother? No one's going to care if you smell, because there's a good chance they smell, too.

Remember where the information desk is. If you have a question about something, ask them, as it's their job to not only

answer questions, but actually know the answers to (most of) your questions. The guy guarding the Artist Hospitality area isn't going to have a clue where the Lunar Stage is.

Carry a map, carry a schedule, carry empty water bottles. Carry sunscreen or sun block and an extra t-shirt or towel.

You might as well leave your technology at the door, because the lines to charge cell phones at the kiosk in Centeroo are always pretty long.

Pay attention to what is and what isn't allowed into Centeroo. If the security throws away your container of unidentified liquid, he's just doing his job.

Be respectful as you try to have yourself a good time—everyone else wants to have a good time too. The Bonnaroo crowd will—for the most part—be the friendliest, kindest crowd you will ever meet.

WSU student a leader both in and out of the pool

Tim Callery
Voice Reporter

From the classroom to the poolroom, the 20-year-old from Newburyport, Mass, Kate Werner lives a busy life both in and out of the pool.

The junior tri-captain leads the Westfield State women's swim team throughout an exhausting season starting in October and ending in February.

Not only does she devote her time to swimming, but she is also studying History with hopes to becoming a Secondary Education teacher.

Q. How is the team doing this year?

A. This season has been fantastic. We have a record of 6-3. Everyone pulls their own weight on the team and does an excellent job. This weekend is New England's and I know we'll do great.

Q. What age did you first start swimming?

A. I was three when I first began swimming. My parents signed my twin sister and I up for classes at our local YMCA.

Q. And you continued on to



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Kate Werner was a double winner, placing first in the 500 and 1,000 freestyles.

swimming in high school?

A. Yes, after swimming at the Y, my sister and I swam for a club team called New Wave. We then continued swimming throughout high school where we were both co-captains.

Q. Is your sister on the Westfield team as well?

A. No, actually she goes to

Fitchburg State where she traded her swim cap in to play lacrosse.

Q. Is it odd swimming without her?

A. It was at first, but then I got over it. I was always used to having my sister there with me, but we both wanted to go to separate colleges to be our own

person and not be known as the Werner twins.

Q. Did swimming play a factor in your college selection?

A. Yes, it did. I knew I wanted to swim in college so along with what schools had to offer academically, I was also looking at their team stats.

Q. What events are you the strongest in?

A. I mostly swim the 1000 and 500 free.

Q. What's the fastest you've ever swum?

A. One time I did a 5:36 in the 500.

Q. Do you think you could ever get there again?

A. I'm trying (she laughs).

Q. Who is your biggest influence either in or out of the pool?

A. Definitely my parents. We live two hours away, and they make every home meet possible as well as away meets. My mom is always their cheering me on and my dad is a competitive person, so he's always driving me to do better. I don't do my best all the time which makes me feel like I let him down, but he's always there to give me a

hug at the end of a meet and assures me I'll get them next time.

Q. What about your biggest competitor?

A. I would have to say myself. Every meet I always try to do better than the last. It allows me to keep myself in check and push my own limits.

Q. Does being a student athlete ever become overwhelming for you?

A. Yes, it has its days. Sometimes between practices, class, and meets, I feel like there aren't enough hours in the day. Don't get me wrong; I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Q. Do you plan on continue swimming after college?

A. Unfortunately I don't think I'll be swimming at a competitive level. I hope to devote my time after I graduate in the classroom, but as a teacher instead of being a student. Swimming has been apart of my life for the past 17 years; so to say I'm going to stop all together after college is hard. I'll probably find myself doing laps somewhere. I don't think swimming will ever leave my life. I wouldn't know what to do with myself if it did!

Noble 5k Hospital

27th Annual Run For A Noble Cause & Walk For Good Health: April 30, 2011

On your mark! Get set! Save the date!

Registration is now open for the 27th Annual Run For A Noble Cause & Walk For Good Health to be held Saturday April 30, 2011. Both the 5K road race and walk begin at 9:00 a.m., with registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Beveridge Pavilion at Stanley Park in Westfield, Mass.

The Run for a Noble Cause is a competitive road race great for all levels of runners from the novice to the serious runner. The 3.1 mile course is flat out and back through a residential area. A non-competitive walk for fun, The Walk For Good Health follows the same route as the road race.

Proceeds from the road race are directed to the Noble Hospital Annual Fund. It costs an enormous amount of money to provide the vast array of services available at Noble, around the clock, 365 days per year. In the best of times, community hospital net margins are quite low, and meeting our current operating needs, as well as other expenses, is a significant and persistent challenge. The road race is one of two major community fundraising events held by the hospital. The other is the Noble Ball, held in the fall.

WSU weekly sports roundup

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's basketball team won its ninth straight game and clinched the number one seed in the MASCAC tournament with a 54-34 victory over Framingham State on Tuesday, February 15.

The victory put Westfield 1.5 games up on Bridgewater State in the standings and guaranteed the Owls (18-5, 9-1 MASCAC) at least a share of the MASCAC regular season crown.

Westfield jumped out to a 28-15 halftime lead after senior captain Ashley Finnegan almost collected a double-double in the first half alone with eight points and nine rebounds. Finnegan finished the game with 14 points and 13 rebounds in her sixteenth double-double of the season.

Sophomore Jenny Bell scored 13 points and added five steals while senior captain Cassy Jouannet tallied eight points and seven boards.

Junior Janae Jones chipped in four assists and four steals while sophomore Courtney DelRatez added nine points and four rebounds on 3-5 three-point shooting off the Owls' bench. The Owls will play their final game of the regular season tomorrow, February 19 at the Woodward Center at 1:00 p.m.

Westfield's men's basketball team improved to .500 in conference play with a 75-74 overtime win over Framingham State on Tuesday night.

Senior Jesse Benoit hit the game winning bucket for Westfield (9-14, 5-5 MASCAC) on a layup with 7.8 seconds left in overtime.

The back and forth battle was tied 28-28 at

halftime and 67-67 at the end of regulation in a truly even matchup between teams with identical 9-14 records.

The Owls went on 15-3 run with balanced scoring late in the second half to take a 65-60 lead after trailing 57-50.

Sophomore Matt Devine led the Owls with 22 points, 10 rebounds, 5 blocks and 4 assists while Benoit finished with 12 points and 9 rebounds.

Sophomore Lee Vazquez added 13 points and 5 rebounds and junior Marcellus Lee totaled 14 points and 9 rebounds off Westfield's bench.

Westfield will wrap up its regular season with a home game against Fitchburg State tomorrow, February 19 at 3:00 p.m.

WSU junior diver Kim Schmidt won both the one and three meter diving competitions at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association Championships for the third straight year last weekend at Bentley University.

Schmidt scored a 409.3 in the one meter and a 416 in the three-meter to easily win both competitions. Ten Westfield swimmers will compete in the swimming portion of the NEISDA championships this weekend at White River Junction, Vt.

Westfield's men's track and field team won its fifth straight indoor MASCAC championship last Saturday at the University of Southern Maine.

Westfield placed second overall in the meet, which also serves as the New England Alliance Championship, losing to only Southern Maine of the Little East Conference.

Sophomore Brendan Corcoran won the overall 800-meter championship with a MASCAC indoor record time

of 1:58.15. Corcoran also placed second in the 400.

Junior Jonathan Joyce won the 3000-meter run with a new meet record of 8:50.72 and also placed second in the 1000.

Junior Patrick Regan took first out of MASCAC competitors in the mile (4:26.20) and finished second in the 600. Sophomore Anthony Frissora won the 1000 (2:40.22) and placed third in the mile run.

Sophomore John Murphy won the 200 meter dash for MASCAC schools (23.3) and finished third in the 55 meter dash. Also placing first was out of MASCAC schools was the 4 x 800 relay team of Scott Bockus, Seth Arnold, Cam Fairbanks and Victor Silva.

WSU's women's indoor track and field team finished second out of MASCAC schools in the MASCAC/New England Alliance Championships last weekend.

Freshman Targie Gervais won the overall championships in the 55 and 200 meter dashes and also anchored the record setting 4 x 200 relay team that also featured Marie Gulino, Amanda Johnson and Megan Faunce.

Gervais broke school and MASCAC records in the 55 meter and Alliance and MASCAC records in the 200 meter.

Senior thrower Amanda Gricus broke Alliance, MASCAC and school records with her first place toss of 55-9 in the 20-pound weight throw. Gricus also placed fourth in the shot put.

Freshman Amy Auclair finished first out of MASCAC competitors in the pole vault with a winning height of 10-1/2.

Members of the men's and women's teams will compete in the New England Division III finals at Springfield College this weekend.

March Madness: Just weeks away for fans

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter



As I am writing this article on February 13, in one month's time the selection committee will hurriedly select and seed the 2011 NCAA tournament bracket.

The new wrinkle in this year's tourney will be that there will be not just 65 teams in the tournament but now 68.

This season was a season in which numerous individual players took over the landscape of college basketball with their fabulous play.

Who can forget Kemba Walker's great play in the Maui Invitational as he led the UConn Huskies to wins over Kentucky and Michigan State in which he scored 91 points in three games?

Then there was the amazing play of freshman sensation Kyrie Irving of Duke. Irving's play early in the season was phenomenal as he averaged 17.4 points and 5.1 assists while shooting 45% on three-pointers and 53% overall in eight games.

He led the Blue Devils with 31 points in a win over Michigan State in December and would have been in a tight two-man race with Jared Sullinger of Ohio State

for national freshman of the year had he not been injured.

Irving hurt his foot earlier in the season and does not expect to return this season.

Then the nation got Jimmer fever.

But college basketball right now is in its preseason; all these games are building up to the real college basketball season, that being March Madness.

Outside of mid majors, or a school just trying to get into the tourney, most of these games mean very little other than seeding.

In college hoops, the best teams and best players rarely play each other during the regular season, mostly because no team have the guts to challenge themselves out of conference.

Think about Duke who only played one true non-conference road game at Madison Square Garden against St. John and got destroyed.

So basically, if the two best teams in the country aren't in the same conference then you most likely won't see them play one another.

But you know what would get a lot of people to watch college basketball would be marquee matchups like Ohio State and Kansas, BYU at Pitt, or UConn traveling to Duke.

We never get to see those matchups because nobody schedules that way.

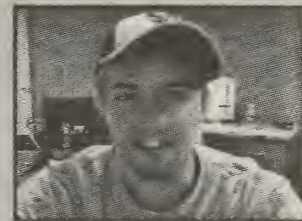
Our only hope is that they face off in the NCAA tournament.

So while we wait for all this snow to melt, at least we can find some happiness in knowing that March is coming and the greatest tournament will soon begin.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



So when I said in last week's issue that the NBA All-Star game was this weekend, I was just testing the readers to see if they could catch my mistake...In reality, I guess I got my dates a little confused.

The game and festivities that come along with it have always been played the weekend closest to my birthday in the past, so I assumed it was this weekend (my birthday was Sunday) and could have sworn that I heard February 13 for the date of the game.

Apparently not.

Well with the game and contests being THIS weekend I won't have to worry about missing any of the action.

While the actual All-Star game is played on Sunday night, all the cool stuff happens on Friday and Saturday night.

The annual Rookie-Sophomore Challenge game takes place Friday night and it will be Blake Griffin vs. everyone on the Sophomore team for most of the night. The game is usually entertaining and last year saw the Rookie team take a surprising upset win.

The Celebrity All-Star game is also that night where – OMG, Justin Bieber is playing in the game!

While the game might get teenage girls excited to see a sweaty Justin Bieber in a sleeveless shirt (not that there's actually any muscles under those sleeves), I couldn't care less about the game except for getting to see some NBA Hall of Famers hit the court again.

The Skills Challenge on Saturday night is kind of a mixed bag – you'll get some young talented point guards who go all out like they have something to prove and some older, more proven players who go through the motions and

don't give much effort at all.

Steve Nash pulled off an upset to win the challenge over Deron Williams last year, but Nash isn't even a part of this year's field. The format of the event is a little different this year as...

Defending champ Paul Pierce and former champ Ray Allen will both compete in the three-point shootout.

On a side note – congratulations to Allen for breaking Reggie Miller's career three-point record last week.

I can't think of anyone whose is more deserving of the recognition. Allen has an unbelievable work ethic and is the epitome of a respected professional.

Any young player should look up to Allen, who has been nothing but a stand up guy since he joined the league in 1996.

In my heart, he'll always be known as Jesus Shuttleworth – just kidding, but "He Got Game" is an awesome movie.

As for the three-point contest on Saturday night, I think Shuttleworth will dominate and take the title back from Pierce.

The Dunk Contest, easily the most anticipated event of the night, is the last contest of night but the list of participants leaves something to be desired.

Rookie Blake Griffin is the event's headliner and should easily win the contest with the type of dunks he's shown this season.

DeMar DeRozan has the potential to pull off an upset after finishing second last year, but playing in Toronto doesn't help his name recognition and many fans simply don't know who he is.

The same could be said for JaVale McGee and Serge

Ibaka, the contest's other two participants.

McGee plays for Washington (wait, they still have an NBA team?) and is only known to hardcore NBA followers and fantasy basketball players.

The third-year center is having a nice season but no one is exactly excited to see him in the contest.

Serge Ibaka is kind of in the same boat. The third-year power forward is extremely explosive and having a good season but he doesn't have that "it" factor that get people excited about seeing him dunk.

I think he could be a dark horse, but all in all the field of dunkers is lacking the big names and story lines (like Superman vs. Kryptonite) that have permeated contests of the past.

I'm still waiting for the day that LeBron will quit being a baby and put his ego aside to participate in the Dunk Contest.

Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant won it, so why

hasn't LeBron even participated in it?

Is he afraid that he might not win? Because when LeBron doesn't get his way – like not getting to the free throw line as much as he thought he's entitled to in the Celtics-Heat game last Sunday – we already know that all hell breaks loose.

The game itself is the same old, same old. The sequence of the game is as follows: dunk, alley-oop, dunk, three-pointer, dunk, dunk, alley-oop, three-pointer, three-pointer, dunk.

In the fourth quarter the teams might actually start to play a little defense and run some actual plays if the game is close, but in reality the game is an entertaining pickup game with nothing really at stake.

I'm interested to see how Griffin and Kevin Love will play for the West team and I hope we'll get to see the all-Celtics lineup minus one (Rondo, Allen, Pierce, Garnett) for at least a little bit.

In other news, I know

I've been down on the Red Sox in the past few years, but I'm actually really excited for this season to start.

That's not just because of the new players the team has – because in reality I think the Sox are a little overrated (I still don't trust that pitching staff and have a few other areas of concern) – but it's tough not to get excited about the start of the MLB season when that means spring is almost here.

I know I give the Red Sox a lot of flak, but I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for the team as few events (if any) in my life as a sports fan were as exciting as their astonishing World Series Run in 2004.

More to come on the Sox – the good, the bad and the ugly – in future issues.

Well I'm out of room folks but as always, thanks for reading. Send me your questions and comments to westfieldvoic.esports@yahoo.com. We have some warm weather in forecast, so get outside and enjoy the long weekend boys and girls.

Upcoming WSU Home Games



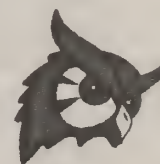
Saturday, February 19

Women's Basketball vs. Fitchburg State @ 1:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Fitchburg State @ 3:00 p.m.



Support your Owls!



Ray Allen becomes the new three-point king

Stephen Felde
Voice Reporter

In a loss last Thursday against the Los Angeles Lakers, Ray Allen officially became the NBA's all time leader for three pointers made.

Reggie Miller, the previous record holder, had made 2,560 threes over a period of 1,389 games.

Ray only needed 1,074 games to accomplish this feat, making him Allen is very deserving of the record.

After becoming the new record holder, he showed what kind of person he is. During an L.A. free throw attempt, Allen went over to Miller, who was broadcasting the game, to shake his hand and give him a hug.

In previous seasons

with the Boston Celtics, there were trade rumors swirling around the league that Allen would be traded to another team.

Many said that he was too old and the Celtics should acquire a younger shooting guard instead.

I think all Celtics fans have realized that doing this would have been a huge mistake.

Allen may be thirty-five years old, but he has the legs of a twenty year old.

If you watch him closely, you'll notice that he is constantly running to get open for a shot.

His quick release and near perfect trajectory allows him to come off of a screen cleanly and get a good look.

When asked about his jump shot, Allen responded by

saying, "I've argued this with a lot of people in my life. When people say God blessed me with a beautiful jump shot, it really pisses me off. I tell those people, 'Don't undermine the work I've put in every day.' Not some days. Everyday. Ask anyone who has been on a team with me who shoots the most. Go back to Seattle and Milwaukee and ask them. The answer is me - not because it's a competition, but because that's how I prepare."

Ever since he arrived in Boston, Allen has become a fan favorite.

He is a soft-spoken man who goes out there, works hard and plays the game the way it's supposed to be played.

I'm lucky enough to have had the opportunity to watch one of the greatest shooters of all time.

It would be great to see



Photo by celtslife.com

Ray Allen hugs Reggie Miller after breaking Miller's career three-point shooting record.

him have another championship under his belt, as well as go in to the hall of fame as a Boston Celtic.

Los Angeles plays host to NBA All-Star weekend

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

The 60th NBA All-Star game will take place Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. on TNT. What better city to host the All-Star game then Los Angeles, where the players will be put out on display at the Staples Center.

The NBA All-Star game is one of the most exciting and flawed All-Star games in all of professional sports.

As great as it is for many fans to vote in their favorite player into the All-Star game, the actually players who should be making it get snubbed. Kevin Love, a walking double-double has only made the All-Star because David Stern the commissioner got to choose him.

Love's break out

season should have resulted in him earning a spot on the team as one of the first guys off the bench for the West.

Players like Yao Ming will make the starting lineups every season as long as they are on an NBA roster. Ming's fan base in China will carry him to an appearance in every All-Star game, guaranteed.

I'm not making this point because I hate Ming, or don't think he is talented enough. I made this point because Ming has only suited up for five games this season.

Unattractive players like Kevin Love will always struggle to earn a spot on the team regardless of how well they play.

He won't make a 360 dunk, he will never sell shoes for Nike and never receive the recognition he truly deserves.

Looking at the game itself, it is a very exciting contest.

Between the high scoring contests getting in the 130's-140's, the alley-oop dunks and antics happening on the sidelines, it's always a fun event to watch.



Photo by nba.com

Along with the actual All-Star game, the entire weekend in L.A. will provide other exciting events.

Tonight will mark the annual Rookie Challenge,

where the NBA's best rookies will take on the second year players (sophomores) in a head to head matchup.

Saturday night is right behind the All-Star game in how entertaining it is.

There are a whole slew of events including the three-point contest, skills challenge, shooting stars and the slam dunk contest.

The three-point contest hosts a number of different stars including two Celtics players with Ray Allen and defending champion Paul Pierce, Kevin Durant from the Thunder will compete along with Daniel Gibson of the Cavaliers, James Jones of the Heat and Golden State's Dorell Wright.

As much as I want to take Gibson in this contest, Ray Allen and his quick release will take home the trophy. His

shooting style is perfect for this challenge as he understands how to shoot at a fast pace effectively.

DeMar Derozan, JaVale McGee, Serge Ibaka and Blake Griffin will battle it out to win the most popular award of the night which is the Slam Dunk Contest Trophy.

Like everyone else, I'm going to take the number one overall pick of the 2009 Draft Blake Griffin to win in a closer contest than people might think.

In the East-West All-Star Game I'll take the East to defend their title once again over the Western Conference All-Stars by a score of 140-134.

Amare Stoudemire playing on the East side from the New York Knicks will win the All-Star game MVP award.

Aquarius**(January 21 – February 19)**

You should be very busy this week, and you ought to be willing to work quite hard on many different things. A number of opportunities should be well within your reach at this time.

Pisces**(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

You'll really feel like indulging your impulses and having a little fun. If you've been toying at all with the idea of doing something creative or artistic, this would be a great time to really start doing something about it.

Aries**(March 21 - April 20)**

You'll be longing for a certain sense of security a little more than usual at the moment. Some things may seem a little up in the air though, and it wouldn't be the best time for you to commit yourself to any sort of long-range plans just yet.

Taurus**(April 21 – May 21)**

You're bound to be quite busy and on the go. You should be feeling quite chatty at the moment, and you'll be striking up conversations with people everywhere you go.

Gemini**(May 22 – June 21)**

Issues involving some financial decisions you've made recently will be coming to the surface again this week, and it could take a little while for things to settle down.

Cancer**(June 22 – July 22)**

If an important matter has been hanging over your head lately, things should finally be starting to move towards some type of resolution this week. You're bound to be feeling a little independent at the moment.

Leo**(July 23 – August 23)**

Don't be afraid to show that you care by being willing to make some important sacrifices on behalf of others.

Virgo**(August 24 – September 22)**

Don't be surprised if your friendships and social activities really end up dominating your agenda. If things have been a little up and down with a few of your friends lately, you ought to be able to resolve a few significant issues and make a fresh start.

Libra**(September 23 – October 22)**

A few interesting developments should be leading to some new opportunities for you. There are bound to be a few issues that will still be creating a little stress for you.

Scorpio**(October 23 – November 21)**

You're bound to be feeling a little restless or rebellious. And if you're feeling inclined to go your own way and do your own thing, don't hesitate to do what you think is right this week.

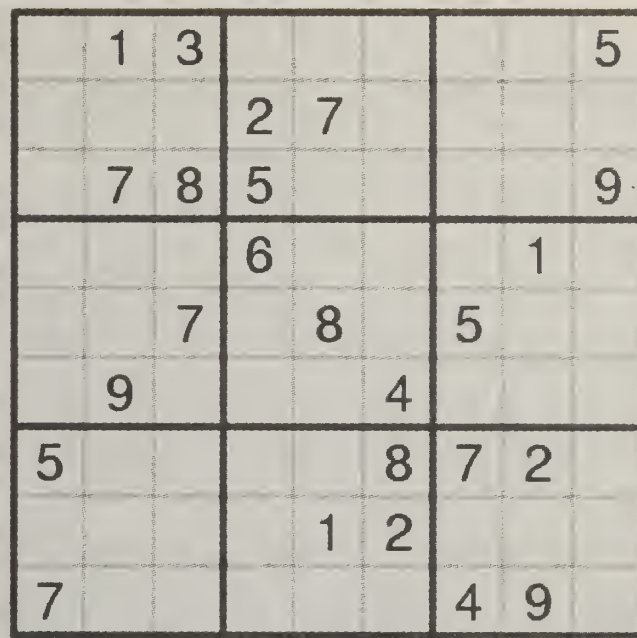
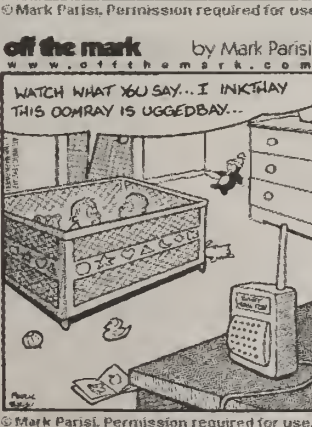
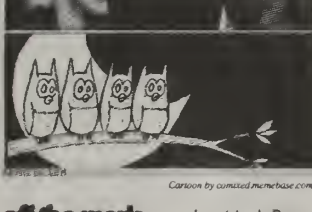
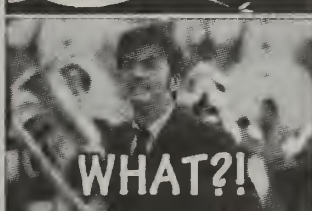
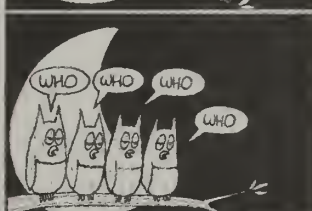
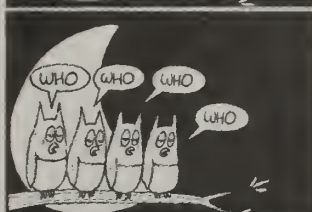
Sagittarius**(November 22 – December 21)**

If you're worrying about a few financial issues, just realize that it's time to stop stressing out over money matters and start getting ready to make a fresh financial start.

Capricorn**(December 21 – January 20)**

Some issues in your most important relationships are bound to be popping up this week. If partners seem a little unpredictable or hard to figure out, it could lead to a few conflicts.

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An email to the student body from Krysta Livingstone, chair of the Senate Banquet Committee:

On

, April 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00

a.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer Entrance followed by a dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. After Hours DJ Services will provide entertainment from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

There will be 765 tickets available at \$40.00 per person with a two ticket per person limit. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, February 22 at the Service Window in the Ely Campus Center. You must show a validated student ID when purchasing your ticket. Tickets will be sold until Friday, March 11 only. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. When you purchase your ticket, you will be asked to sign up for reserved seating in the SGA Office. There are 12 seats per table, please plan accordingly.

Buses will be provided to and from the bus.

A reminder to those of legal drinking age, proper ID will be required at the door and a cash bar will be available. A police officer will be checking each individual to ensure that they are wearing a wristband to purchase two alcohol drink tickets at a time. Alcohol service for students of legal drinking age will be limited to five drinks per person. Transfer of drink tickets outside of the building. You will not be able to smoke inside or

We would like this to be an elegant evening and in order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all those attending, the following measures will be strictly enforced:

1. Public Safety Officers Anyone who is intoxicated will not be allowed on the bus. Public Safety Officers may request a Breathalyzer at their discretion at the buses. All College policies are in place for this event. Any violators will be subject to College action and/or legal action.

2. Agawam Police Officers will provide security at the Banquet. They will be assisting with ticket collection and wristbands. Any student who appears to be intoxicated, will be subject to college action including but not limited to, Breathalyzer testing, protective custody, college disciplinary action and/or legal action. Public Safety Officers and Students

3. Any student caught with an outside and will be subject to college disciplinary action and/or legal action.



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Dining Commons

Monday - Friday
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8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. &
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
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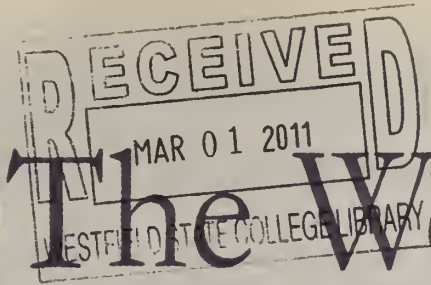
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WSU's "So you think you can dance?" benefits Nicaragua

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Last Thursday, students, Kappa Delta Pi members, the dance company, the step team, as well as faculty and staff of our great college performed dance routines in the Dever Auditorium.

The event that was organized by the Kappa Delta Pi was titled "WSU, So You Think You Can Dance?!" and the performers did prove that they can in fact dance and quite well, too.

Dancing to songs, such as "We Will Rock You," "Bye, Bye, Bye," "Bust A Move," it was a great night.

The event was emceed by students Jill Manganelli and Braidy Zavisza.

But though the night was one filled with a lot of excitement, the organization that the show benefited is a serious organization.

All of the proceeds of the event benefited a wonderful organization named La Esperanza Granada, an organization that is committed to give the children in Nicaragua a chance to be educated.

According to the organization website, "La Esperanza Granada is a volunteer group focusing on children's education. Born in 2002, we started in one small village on the outskirts of Granada, and now

help in seven poverty-stricken areas.

"Our volunteers go out into the rural schools and assist the teachers, tutor young children, run sports programs, introduce

time. There are no program fees. Fund raising is independent and voluntary.

"Donations are used for building new classrooms and schools, contributing to teacher's salaries,

dental visits, sports supplies, school repairs and a never ending list of needs in this impoverished country."

"The performance was put together in order to benefit an organization in Nicaragua, which helped build schools. During J-term some students and faculty went and help build a high school, but unfortunately the funds have ran low, and we are trying to raise money so the school can continue to be built," said Jaclyn Burns Co- President of Kappa Delta Pi.

Catherine Savini an English professor, Christin Cleaton-Ruiz a history professor, and Kathy Bradford, Director of Advancement and University Relations along with other students went to Nicaragua in the January 2011 J-term and helped build schools in the community.

The trip also allowed the students to be able to receive credits in English and History courses as well.

Those who attended the event were greeted with a great performance, and also were able to learn and help those who are less fortunate.

If any student would like to learn more information about the organization you can go to the international office located in Parnezo and talk to Kathy Bradford, or you can visit the organization website at <http://www.la-esperanza-granada.org/>.



Photo taken by Voice Staff

Professor's Catherine Savini and Christin Cleaton-Ruiz and staff member Kathy Bradford pose with the three emcees of the WSU, So You Think You Can Dance? event.

children to computers, and help stimulate an interest in learning.

"Volunteers come from around the world, for varying lengths of

and various things to help improve education and health for the children, such as making copies of exams and worksheets, buying textbooks,

Useful Phone Numbers:

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Wellness Center Hours:

Sun - 3:00pm-8:00pm
Mon-Thur - 7:00am-9:00pm
Fri - 7:00am-6:00pm
Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Quick Hits

Friday, Feb. 25

6:00p.m. - Wii Rock Band
Ely Main Lounge

7:30p.m. - Vagina Monologues
Dever Hall/Stage

11:00p.m. - Brown Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, Feb. 26

7:30p.m. - Magician Todd Migliacci
Ely Main Lounge

7:30p.m. - Vagina Monologues
Dever Hall/Stage

Sunday, Feb. 27

6:00p.m. - Arcade night on Xbox or Wii
Ely Main Lounge

SGA Report: Lansdowne and Senate Banquet

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association convened on Tuesday, February 15 for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Joshua Hettrick, the Assistant Director of Housing in the department of Residential Life was a guest speaker to discuss changes in the housing sign-up process because of the addition of Lansdowne Place to the housing options.

Lansdowne offers 2-, and 5- person apartments to sign up for.

Next year, apartments will be available for sophomores to request. According to Hettrick, "We had over 800 students complete housing sign-up survey."

Of these 800 students, Hettrick said that it was an even number of first, second, and third year students across the board.

Surprisingly to Res. Life, New Hall was voted the popular choice for apartment housing for next year over the Apartment Complex.

Residential Life has created a new hybrid roster/lottery process for the following

year. Hettrick said, "There will still be a roster captain, they get to pick the people they want to live with."

All senior rosters will have first priority for whichever apartment they want.

Then mixed-year rosters will select their apartments by lowest lottery number having first choice.

SGA President, Colleen Murphy pointed out that even mixed rosters with say 5 out of 6 students being seniors will still have a good chance at having a low lottery number.

The eight 2-person apartments in Lansdowne will be the given away first and then the 4-, 5-, and 6-person apartments will be offered to all senior rosters.

After spring break, the apartments will be open for selection by mixed year student rosters.

Senior status will be confirmed by the Registrar's Office as of March 1.

The process is not broken down by years after "all seniors" because they did not want to draw out the process longer than necessary.

The Ely and Wilson Hall Westfield Bank ATMs "will waive the fee they charge,"

Colleen Murphy announced in her President's report.

If you do not have an account with Westfield Bank, the transaction fee will be waived by Westfield Bank only.

There is still a possibility that you may still be charged by your own bank for taking money out of an ATM that is not a machine of your own bank.

The Woodward ATM will still charge a transaction fee because it is a public place with lots of other traffic besides WSU students.

May 10th is no longer a Reading Day for students. Classes will be held on this Tuesday to make up for school days lost to snow days.

The Senate Banquet will take place Friday, April 1st at Chez Josef in Agawam, MA. Tickets are \$40 for students and they went on sale at the Campus Center Service Window Tuesday, February 22nd.

Be sure to go down to the SGA room on the first floor of Ely after you have bought your tickets to sign up for seating.

The Enrollement Management Committee reported that there will be no use of the EconoLodge for students next year.

The Committee

also said that the Massachusetts State Universities have a 7-10% enrollment increase goal for out-of-state students.

Collegeweeklive.com will be hosting online events for prospective students on March 24th and 25th.

The senior class will be selling \$1 raffle tickets to meet Travie McCoy during Spring Weekend.

The freshman class is holding a class t-shirt design contest with a \$30 iTunes gift card and a free t-shirt prize.

Wednesday April 22nd, the Class of 2014 will be hosting a Musical Chairs event on the campus green.

Tickets will be \$1 on sale at the Campus Center Service Window for 3 sessions at 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30.

Lammers Hall made \$85 selling Crush Grams for Valentine's Day and they donated the money to the Westfield Homeless Shelter.

Scanlon Hall plans to be combining their end-of-year hall event with Lammers Hall and Courtney Hall.

Student Government Elections are coming up and will take place in April.

The next Student Government meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 1 at 5:30 PM.

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Announcements and ads for on-campus organizations are free of charge, printed as space allows and must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. the Monday before anticipated publication date.

The Westfield Voice will print "letters to the editors" if the authors so

please and can be either anonymous or can include your name (you must note that you do not want your name listed otherwise it will be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.

WSKB: The inside scoop

Stephen Felde
Voice Reporter

Have you ever dreamed of having your own radio show? Well you can, right here at Westfield State.

Located in Ely, there is a brand new studio in which students are able to have their very own radio show.

People in the Western Massachusetts area can tune in to 89.5 FM to listen.

If your friends and family are located outside of the area, they still will be able listen thanks to live online streaming.

Although the two advisors of the radio station are professors, WSKB 89.5 is independently student run. Andrew Johnson oversees the entire executive board and is the contact to the faculty.

Radio shows run two hours at a time and you are awarded a time slot to fill in the schedule.

The schedule is located on the WSKB website and on a white board in the window of the studio.

Matt Jordin
Voice Reporter

As a member of WSKB, I want to give everyone a good insight into the station and how it works.

I am the co-host of "3 Men and a Mic," a sports talk show on Saturday afternoons from 12:00-2:00 P.M.

The show has been one of the best experiences of my college career and I think anyone who is interested should try to get a show.

At the beginning of each semester there is an interest meeting for students who wish to host a show.

You will get a

If you see an empty time slot and are interested in joining, there is an application online that you can fill out. Just make sure to return the application into the folder on the WSKB studios' door.

There are two time slots to choose from. The first is a regular time slot in which you are required to play certain songs off of the station's collection of new music.

It includes four heavy rotation songs, three medium rotation songs, and one light rotation song.

After you have played at least eight of these songs and a public service announcement every 15 minutes, then you are free to play the music of your choice.

If it is your first semester having a radio show, then you must have a regular time slot. The other option is a specialty time slot. The specialty time slots are limited to people who have radio experience and want to do a more creative show. You aren't required to play songs from

the rotation, but you must play underground music, which is music that is not already on the airwaves.

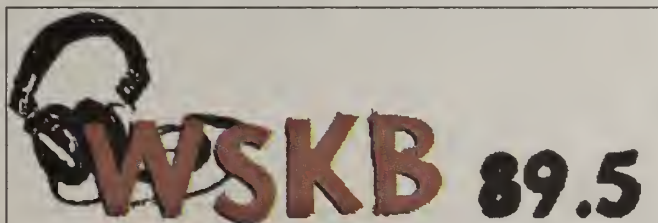
You can have a radio show by yourself, with a partner, or with multiple people.

You really get a sense of how it would be working on the radio, plus a chance to add your own personality to it.

I currently have a radio show with two of my friends, Brad Calandrella and Shawn Snow.

We tend to talk about what's going on in the sports world, but often find ourselves talking about pretty much anything. Feel free to tune in to our show every Tuesday from 4-6PM.

If you want to call in to talk or request a song, please do so. The station's phone number is 413-572-5579. If you have any more questions about joining or want more information about what WSKB 89.5 is all about, check out WSKB's website. You can contact the general manager, Andrew Johnson, at wskbgm@yahoo.com.



time slot, and you will have to come in to the studio to get a few lessons on how to use the equipment.

Students hosting a show for the first time will be required to play a certain amount of rotation songs, but besides those rotation songs you can play what ever you want provided it has edited lyrics.

Also, it cannot be in the current Top 40. The Top 40 list is always around the studio just in case you have any questions.

The studio is set up with 4 microphones, a Mac, a

CD player, and so on.

There is even a port that you can plug your laptop or iPod into to play songs from your personal collection.

As for what you can talk about, well, it is essentially up to you.

You can talk about sports, celebrity gossip, movies, stuff going on around campus, or even all of the above.

If you want to talk about it, provided it isn't going to get the station in trouble with the FCC, you should be all set to babble on about whatever you like.

Student Spotlight



Name: Alicia Schott

Hometown: East Longmeadow, MA

Major: Elementary Education/Liberal Studies

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

Obtain a job in an elementary School.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

This is a conflicting question because I will listen to just about anything, country, hip hop, pop music, pretty much on the top 40 charts.

If you had the chance to invite any person over for dinner, who would it be and what would you talk about?

One would probably be my grandmother and conversation would revolve around her life and growing up. The other two would be my great grandparents from both sides of my family and conversation would revolve around how it was coming to this country and the hardships they faced as well as learning about where they lived before they came to America.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

Sit in one of the lounges pretending to do homework but really surfing the internet or getting caught up on facebook.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Well considering this semester is my first semester here I haven't really had too many encounters with too many people here just yet, but hoping that will change over the next few years.

Lucky Number?

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*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

WSU students make a difference in Nicaragua

Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

On January 2nd, 2011 eighteen students embarked on a journey that some were skeptical about and others couldn't stop thinking about during the winter break leading up to the departure date.

This trip brought many different types of people together with one common link: they were all part of the Westfield State University community. All of these students signed up and paid to attend a course through Westfield State University that allowed them to spend two weeks in Nicaragua with the company of two professors and a chaperone.

Westfield State University offers short-term study abroad opportunities called "J-Terms". J-terms were created for students with strict majors, athletes, and for those who can't afford or aren't comfortable spending a whole semester abroad. J-terms offer students the chance to spend time abroad in another country while taking a three-credit course.

I recently went on a J-term trip to Nicaragua where two courses were combined into one. The courses offered were Creative Writing and History of Nicaragua taught by Dr. Catherine Savini and Christin Cleaton-Ruiz, respectively. Due to the size of the group, which had eighteen students, we also had an extra faculty member, Kathi Bradford.

We arrived in Granada, Nicaragua, and later realized it was our home away from home during the J-term. The first week of our trip was spent volunteering and the second part of the trip was spent enjoying the country of Nicaragua.

We volunteered by helping build a high school for the local Nicaraguan children in an area that did not provide access to high school. We were



Photo courtesy of Rob McGinnity

These 18 students and three faculty members went on a J-Term to Nicaragua on January 2, 2011.

able to feel like a part of the community in only a short week.

Friendly "holas" and "buen dia amigos" were common as we walked through outdoor market-laced streets with vendors packed along sidewalks. After volunteering till around midday, we could explore the city of Granada.

We also visited other locations, such Ometepe, an island formed by rising volcanoes in Lake Nicaragua. We stayed on this island for one day and stayed in little houses in groups of three for one night and enjoyed being close to the beach waterfront of Lake Nicaragua.

We found a hidden gem while on Ometepe called "Ojo de Agua," which means eye of water. This spot was formed naturally from the fresh groundwater on the island. It was a body of water around the size of a football field entangled in tropical foliage with tourists and locals alike enjoying its refreshing flowing water. Ometepe was a great place to unwind and relax.

After Ometepe, we were off to San Juan del Sur, which is located in the southwestern area of Nicaragua. It is a popular destination for both tourists and local Nicaraguans alike. During our two days in San Juan del Sur, we could choose two out of these three activities: zip lining, horseback riding, or surfing. I

decided to choose zip lining and horseback riding because I have never done either before.

In the zip lining activity, I was attached to a metal cable and soared from platform to platform suspended above the tree line. I also rode a horse the next day and this was an experience that allowed me to witness a giant sea turtle preparing to give birth on the beach.

After our time in San Juan del Sur, we returned to Granada and saw the progress of the high school we were working on the week before. It was rewarding to see that we made a positive impact during our time in Nicaragua.

During our trip, all of us had memorable experiences and adventures that made the trip even better. One such experience was a visit to "Monkey Island," where we were greeted by a monkey named "Lola" that spent some time with us and took a special liking to Dr. Cleaton.

This J-term trip also included the academic side, which was the course. During our trip, all of the students had to write in a journal every day about our thoughts, conversations, and the sights and sounds we experienced. We also had certain writing prompts that we needed to accomplish.

With classes like

Editor's Desk



Bonjour mon amis!

Wait until the issue that comes out in two weeks, my entire Editor's Desk is going to be in French! Sure, no one will read it...but I'll know what it says?

I can't wait until we go to Paris. I'm really nervous, but it's going to be such a good experience. I'm going to write everyday in a journal that I got for Christmas.

Anyway, this week we had to get rid of the games and horoscopes on page 11...but I made sure we put a sudoku on there still! Rob was super excited...

Thanks for reading, everyone! Have a good weekend!

Samantha Fahey
Editor-In-Chief
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history and creative writing, there is nothing like being so involved in the subject you're learning about. You can read anything in a book or watch a video, but there is no comparison to experiencing it firsthand.

I think there are many benefits for students who take a short term study abroad trip because they can learn hands-on and get instruction in an personal setting which allows for a more comfortable and enriching learning environment.

Throughout this trip I was also able to make strong friendships and learn a tremendous amount about the culture of Nicaragua from its people to

its customs to its language and everything in between.

"J-Terms" are offered during January break and June with a variety of countries to choose from. In addition to Nicaragua, there was also a J-Term trip to Costa Rica during the same time with a focus on biology.

Whatever your reason may be, I can guarantee you will benefit in some way from a short-term study abroad trip during your time in college. Don't let cost or anything else steer you away from this experience.

If you want more information, about study abroad, you can email me at rmcginnity5884@wsc.ma.edu

16 days in the Islamic Republic: WSU history professor visits Iran

**Mike Brill and
Mara Dodge**
Voice Reporter and
History Professor



Photo taken by Professor Mara Dodge

Two sisters, Marziah and Elohe, invited Prof. Dodge's group to their house for dinner.

Professor Mara Dodge of WSU's History Department had the opportunity to visit one of the world's most historic countries in 2010.

Through an organization called Global Exchange, Dodge spent two weeks exploring the Islamic Republic of Iran. Her trip included nearly 1,600 miles of travel in-country and stays at four of Iran's most culturally significant and historic cities—Tehran, Yazd, Shiraz, and Esfahan.

Recalling "how much color and life there was everywhere" and in the Iranians she met, the history professor described her time in the land of Ancient Persia as the most fascinating trip of her life. Many of the most valuable experiences came from the Iranian people she met, including visits with former relatives she hadn't seen in 20 years.

She was especially interested in the status of women and girls. Despite legislation on their dress and the unfair treatment they receive from the country's legal and religious authorities, Iranian women have by no means been rendered powerless or submissive. Many did not hesitate to openly voice displeasure with existing laws governing female dress or to openly voice their disapproval with their country's political leaders, even when talking to a visiting American on the street.

As in Egypt this past month, in June 2009 millions of Iranian men and women protested against their government. These pro-democracy protestors believed that a reformist candidate had been the rightful winner of the Iranian presidential election and alleged

that Ahmadinejad's reelection had only been achieved through massive election fraud. Although their "Green Revolution" failed, protests continue today.

A major form of expression for Iranian women is their style of dress. Some choose to dress more conservatively in black, proudly wearing the full "chador," while others sport styles and clothing popular with women in Western countries in addition to their traditional scarves. Professor Dodge was also surprised by the diversity she saw everywhere and intrigued at meeting groups of women friends who were all wearing very different clothing styles.

Iran's women are also highly educated and 65% of the students currently studying in the country's universities are female. While visiting the ancient trade-route city of Yazd, Professor Dodge's group was approached by three female Genetics students eager to converse. Each of them wore different styles of scarves and degrees of covering. When asked what the meaning of such differences was for them, they answered that "it meant freedom of belief."

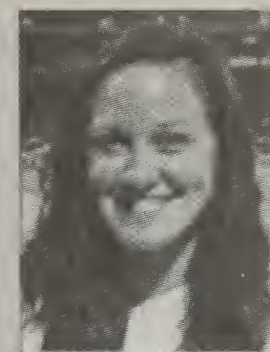
Later, in the city of Shiraz, Dodge encountered a chador-wearing PHD student who was studying English literature and writing her dissertation comparing American and Iranian children's literature. Dr. Dodge also met female college students majoring in law, psychology, tourism, chemistry and archeology. Today, families are very small in Iran (two children per couple) and the average age of marriage for both men and women is late 20s.

Throughout their travels, Dodge's group was received with warmth and hospitality by Iranian men and women of all ages. According to Dr. Dodge, they were "constantly stopped by people eager to converse with Americans" and "experienced no hostility anywhere at any point."

Though Farsi is Iran's official and most spoken language, Iranian children begin their English language studies in the sixth grade and nearly all highway and other important signs are in both Farsi and English.

The tour group's guide, a man named Jaleel, lived in the U.S. for 15 years and had

Editor's Desk



Hello all!

My editor's desk is shorter this week, but it's okay because I don't really have anything important to say...

This week not only am I stressed and freaking out, but I am also sick. Awesome, right? I guess it's better to catch something now than when we go to PARIS!!

Yup, Paris! AND SO SOON, TOO! I cannot wait! Trust me, there will be more about that as the time gets closer.

Okay, bye guys, thanks for reading!

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been a successful realtor in the Atlanta area. The bursting of the housing bubble led him and his family to return to their native land. Jaleel now guides tourists across Iran as well as other countries in the region.

While speaking with two sisters in the city of Yazd, Professor Dodge asked what her group should tell people in the U.S. about Iran. They answered by saying how important it was to "show a positive face to Iran because we are so misunderstood." The sisters and other Iranians stressed that the policies of their government or the U.S. do not have anything to do with the way they view or treat American people.

Despite the U.S' history of intervention in Iran, disputes with its government

over many Middle East policies, and challenging of the country's nuclear program, Professor Dodge found that her group was greeted and invited for tea by both supporters and opponents of Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Even with the glaring contradictions between a repressive theocratic regime ruling and a modern country that simultaneously values its own culture while absorbing influences from the Western world, a clear picture emerged for Professor Dodge.

"Iran is an extremely diverse, dynamic, and developed country with a very pro-American population," Dodge explained. It would be a tragedy if such good will were to be squandered.

The Angry Liberal: Wisconsin protesters deserve their rights



Kristin Sherwood
Voice reporter

"Wisconsin deserves a government that puts the needs of citizens first" reads a line under the Government Spending and Reform issue section of Scott Walker's former gubernatorial campaign website.

It is interesting that as a new Governor of Wisconsin, Walker is making sure that the needs, indeed the rights, of citizens are not the top priority.

Instead, those needs and rights are threatened by Governor Walker's refusal for over a week now to renegotiate or amend a proposed budget that would deny public employees of Wisconsin the

right to collectively bargain, which is their ability to advocate and negotiate for good working conditions.

The proposed budget legislation that the governor supports would also increase the cost of benefits to these employees.

According to Jon Erpenbach, a Wisconsin Democratic state senator, the state and local employees do not have a problem with the part of the bill that increases the cost of their health care and pensions.

What they do have a problem with is the attempt by Governor Walker and other Republican state senators to deny them the right to collectively bargain.

This right must be maintained for state and local public employees.

Mass protests have been raging for days in Madison, Wisconsin, with the numbers reaching near 50,000 over the weekend.

Clearly, the people of Wisconsin are making their needs known. But Governor Walker refuses to budge

or compromise, which led to last week's departure of fourteen Democratic state senators who left Wisconsin to thwart any voting on the bill.

The Republicans need one Democrat to have a quorum to vote on financial issues and the Democrats need three Republican votes to help prevent the passage of the bill.

Governor Walker has said that this bill does not aim to bust unions but that the measures are proposed only to balance the budget.

But U.S. Senator Dick Durbin said that Walker "is not setting out just to fix a budget; he's setting out to break a union."

Whether or not Walker's secret intentions include busting unions, that will be the end result if this bill passes.

And if it does pass, it will be done with all Republican support and minimal or no Democratic support.

This should not come as a shock to anyone, especially with the Republican agenda bolstered by the Tea Party Movement's unwanted and irrelevant presence at the

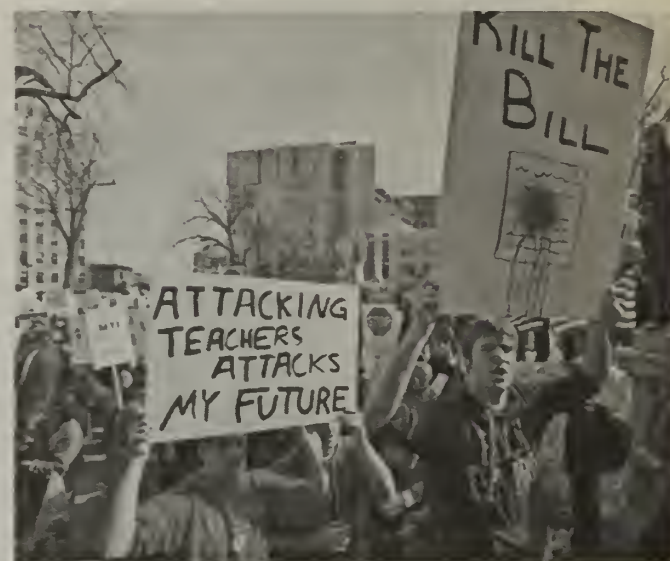


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Wisconsin public employees and students protest Governor Scott Walker's controversial budget measures

protests over the weekend.

The small group of misguided Tea Party Movement protestors mixed in with the union protestors and chants of "kill the bill" mixed in with chants of "pass the bill" at the rallies.

That these Tea Party "activists" can "stand with Scott Walker" and protest against workers' basic rights is unbelievable and absurd.

If anything, the people need to "stand up to" Scott Walker, as many have already done, and demand recognition of their rights.

The fight continues to go on with new developments every day and one can only hope that that bill gets killed and renegotiations begin quickly to save the rights of these public employees.

Meet Kris Holloway, author of *Monique and the Mango Rains!*

This book depicts the author's decade-long friendship with Monique Dembele, an accidental midwife who became a legend. Monique saved lives and dispensed hope every day in a place where childbirth is a life-and-death matter. It tells of Monique's unquenchable passion for a better life in the face of poverty, an arranged marriage and endless backbreaking work, as well as her tragic and ironic death.

From witnessing her first village birth to the night of Monique's own tragic death, the author draws on her first-person experiences in Mali, her graduate studies in maternal and child health, medical and clinic records, letters and journals, as well as conversations with Monique, her family, friends and colleagues, to give readers a unique view—and a friend in West Africa.



Kris Holloway served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali, West Africa from 1989-1991, where she met her husband John Bidwell. She holds a MPH from the University of Michigan and works for the Center for International Studies. She lives in Northampton, MA with John and their two children

The Proud Conservative: Wisconsin protesting out of control



Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Hello all, and once again we have some controversial issues to discuss. Primarily, the Wisconsin protests at the state capital, where teachers and supporters are "protesting" Governor Walker's new proposed budget."

Before we get into it, however, I propose a sing-a-long to get us in the mood. Ready? "It's the end of the world as we know it...it's the end of the world as we know it!" (Thanks, REM).

Excuse me for being facetious, but there is so much wrong with this protest, frankly, it scares me.

This is not a matter of the teachers being treated unfairly, but it's a case of the bloated, irrelevant teacher's union fat-cats who are worried about losing their ill-gotten gains.

The protesters are crying out how the teachers will lose money having to pay for benefits, and lament they are losing their collective bargaining rights.

They are upset that the new budget insists on the teachers paying 50% of their pensions, and 12% of their health insurance. This is to be paid by teachers who average around \$80,000 a year. All I can say is are they hiring? Where do I sign up?

In contrast most private sector employee's pay up to 100% of their pensions, and on an average of 25% of their health care. Wisconsin workers

are getting a good deal there.

As to the issue of collective bargaining issues, Governor Walker's plan would call for collective bargaining on a base pay (special pay issues), and on raises only within the rate of inflation.

The plan would exempt bargaining on fringe benefits, worker safety, and other issues from collective bargaining, allowing state and local governments to more effectively control their budgets.

The unions have reacted with their usual class and public spiritedness. Teachers in Madison have staged a sick-out (illegal), and brought the kids with them to the capital (unethical). The democratic senators hired a yellow school bus to take them into hiding at a motel in Illinois (illegal).

The remaining democratic legislators got incensed (while making sure the cameras were on) after the Republicans proceeded with a

call to vote only after waiting for Democrats who were not going to attend (phony).

The unions have transported tens of thousands of protestors from around the country, some under a veil of threat. This side-show has attracted doctors, who unabashedly were handing out sick notes for free, to any teacher who wanted them (highly illegal and unethical).

I could go on and on, but you have got to remember — this country is in the worst shape in recorded history, actually worse than the depression.

The scene that burns my biscuits the most is the news film of the female teacher crying out, "it's all about the Children, MY GOD, it's all about the children," wailing away, while the news commentator condemns the Wisconsin governor.

The protestors have shown that they don't give a hoot about the children.

They just want what they want, by any means, and in this case it's mostly illegal!

Gov. Walker has invariably said that the state has, "good, hardworking, decent employee's," but he's frank that the state can't continue to give its employee's free and cut-rate benefits.

"Come on, people... work with me...this is a state that is over 31 billion dollars in debt, and everybody needs to make concessions."

"I don't have anything further to negotiate," Walker said the other day, not by way of bravado, but in a flat statement of brokenness.

Just to show how ready to help they really are, the protestors are reportedly remaining firm on the issue that that the school board return to the health care plan, Pfizer Inc.'s erectile dysfunction drug, Viagra.

Just the important things, right Wisconsin?

Ever dream about going on a wine tasting in Tuscany, snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef, walking along the Great Wall of China, or even taking in an African safari?

If so, you are not alone. Countless students from every major imagine themselves doing the very same. This past Thursday some of them took the first step in living those dreams.

They attended the study abroad fair held in the Scanlon Hall banquet room. At the event were representatives from our own international programs office as well as from Academic Programs International, the Center for International Programs, and the Education Abroad Network. These three organizations offer opportunities for students looking to travel to any corner of the earth for nearly any length of time.



Whether it's a summer internship in South Africa, a year in China or anywhere in between a program is out there for you.

So are you ready to live your dreams? Come by the International Programs office in the lobby of Parenzo Hall and learn about all of your options.



REFLECTIONS
By Samantha Fahy

Sean Astin – Born Feb. 25, 1971

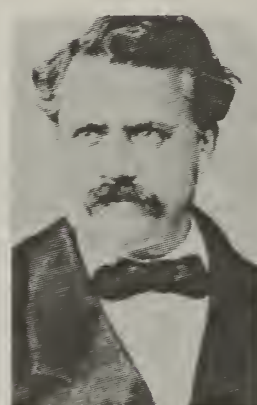


Sean, whose given name was Sean Patrick Duke, was born in Santa Monica, California. For 23 years he believed that his biological father was

Desi Arnaz, Jr. (whose parents were the stars of *I Love Lucy*) and only later found out that he was given false information for his entire early life. But it didn't matter much because his mother's husband, John Astin, adopted him when he was only 1 year old and though they later divorced, Sean has written that John Astin has always been his "real" father. Sean's first acting job was when in 1981 when he starred in a television movie titled "Please Don't Hit Me,

Mom" opposite his real-life mother. He got his break into film when he was 14 playing Mikey in "The Goonies." In 1993 he was spectacular in a heart-wrenching football film titled "Rudy." But his biggest role came in the early 2000s when he played Samwise Gamgee in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, for which he won numerous awards. Since then he has appeared in comedies like "50 First Dates" and on several television shows, including "24" and "Law & Order."

Louis Vuitton – Died Feb. 27, 1892



Vuitton was born in Jura, France in 1821. When he was only 14 he walked 249 miles from Jura to Paris, France. Along the way

he took a series of odd jobs to pay for his trip through the country, one of them being an apprentice manufacturer of luggage and suitcases (Layette as it was called). Word spread that Vuitton was an expert in this field and Napoleon III of France hired him as Layetier for his wife, the Empress. Through his experience with royalty, he learned first-hand exactly what made a good traveling case. Only then did he begin designing his own lug-

gage. He founded the Louis Vuitton label in 1854 and opened shop in Paris. He was the first to introduce flat suitcases to ensure stackability (before then, suitcases were rounded on top to ensure water runoff). Because of its popularity, other companies began copying Vuitton's style, and he had to constantly change design to stay ahead of everyone else. When Louis died, he left his company to his son Georges Vuitton, who expanded the company worldwide.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Book Review:
Battlefield Earth

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

"Battlefield Earth" is an extremely lengthy (1050 pages in my edition) science fiction novel by L. Ron Hubbard, famed inventor of Scientology.

It is the story of Jonnie Goodboy Tyler, who becomes humanity's hope for freedom from oppression imposed by the Psychlo race, who 1000 years before the start of the novel conquered the Earth for its resources.

It follows Jonnie's exploits as he becomes the effective leader of the human race.

The writing is just ok. It isn't beautifully written, but at least I never found myself confused as to what was going on in the story.

Most of the

characters aren't terribly complex to say the least, and some characters are so one-dimensional as to take away from the story.

The plot is also just ok. There are several holes, and certain parts of the novel are rather hard to swallow. It does pick up and get more intelligent in the second half, however.

A bit of an issue with this novel is that there are times where you feel like ideologies or opinions are being shoved down your throat by the author, and their existence has no point in the story.

It doesn't happen too often, but when it does it is a detriment to the story.

"Battlefield Earth" is not a bad book. However, for your hard-earned time and money, there are many much better options.

3 out of 10.

Book Review: Philip Roth's 31st Novel Delivers

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Popular fiction writer Philip Roth released his 31st novel, "Nemesis", just last year.

Despite having written 31 novels, Roth seems to still have a supply of ideas ready to be used.

"Nemesis" is a short novel that takes place in the summer of 1944 in Newark, New Jersey.

Bucky is a strong-willed, honest, hard-working man in peak physical condition. He oversees the summer activities of the young boys of Newark.

As polio ravages the community and those surrounding it, Bucky has to deal with inner and outer pressures that are threatening to tear him apart.

As the summer goes on, more and more of the boys on Bucky's playground contract polio and die.

Throughout the novel, we see the effects of polio on a close-knit community and on America.

However, the focus of the novel is on Bucky and his inner turmoil.

Like the other novels in Roth's "Nemeses" series, "Nemesis" deals with the fact that people must deal with circumstances beyond their control and what they do in order to cope with these situations.

This novel traces Bucky's mental and physical states throughout the summer of 1944 and years later.

Roth does an excellent job showing us that even hard-working, honest men can go through inner turmoil and anguish, and that you cannot escape the obstacles everyone

ends up facing.

Roth poses another set of questions in "Nemesis." When circumstances beyond our control negatively affect our lives to such an extent that our lives are changed forever, can we ever be happy again?

Do circumstances shape us or do we shape the circumstances by how we react to them? Can we truly choose to be happy?

Roth never answers these questions outright, which is one of the aspects of this novel that I enjoyed the most.

As all great artists do, he lets the readers answer these questions themselves and come up with their own conclusions.

"Nemesis" was a great read that kept me entertained, but it also made me question the world around me.

Hopefully this year will bring us an even greater novel from Philip Roth.

MTG's flashback performance: "The Wedding Singer"

Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

This semester the Music Theater Guild will be performing "The Wedding Singer."

This is a stage musical version of the movie starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore.

The show was put on Broadway with musical comedian Stephen Lynch playing the part of Robbie Heart.

The play takes place in the 80's. It is based around a Wedding Singer who loses his faith in love when his fiancé skips out on the wedding.

Robbie is down in the dumps until he decides to help Julia plan her wedding, and this just may bring Robbie back to being his old romantic self.

MTG is performing in Juniper Park after many years. Using the Juniper stage could prove to be difficult, but the directors and crew are

confident that the show will work just as well.

The space is much smaller than Dever, so make sure you get their early because seating is limited.

This show is full of rock music, comedy, and of course love. The show features some of WSU's brightest stars.

Chris Holmes, a sophomore, will be playing Robbie Heart. Freshman, Kerry Turok, will be playing Julia.

Also a sophomore,

Alyssa Doyle will be playing Robbie's fiancé Linda. Robbie's best friend Sammy will be played by Senior Rich Rozanski.

Playing Robbie's grandmother will be Jen McQuillan. Julia's sister Holly will be played by Becca Cloyes.

Julia's fiancé will be played by freshman Danny Monopoli. Robbie's right hand man in the band, George, will be played by Junior Tyrell Pyatt.

Some people you may know who will be

working in the background will be Director Adam Hebbberman, Assistant Director, Rebecca Adams, Musical Director Emma Forti-Silvera, Assistant Music Director Jeff Carbalho, and Choreographers Katie Monopoli, and Libby Boland.

MTG invites everyone to come see "The Wedding Singer" in the Juniper Park auditorium March 3rd, 4th and 5th at 7:30pm, and March 5th and 6th at 2pm.

Flashback: Saved by the Bell

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Kids of both the 90's and the present have all grown up with Saved by the Bell and its characters. The show itself was revolutionary and groundbreaking, and ahead of its time.

It tackled the tough issues that similar shows would never go near, like caffeine pill addiction and how it's OK to date girls that are on the wrestling team.

This show was the story that followed very memorable characters; there was the popular guy every guy wanted to be, Zack Morris, all-American girl Kelly Kapowski, jock A.C. Slater, fashion queen Lisa Turtle, our favorite nerd, Screech Powers, and smart girl Jessie Spano.

They all cause havoc around the colorful Bayside High School with their social awkwardness, peppy attitude, and wardrobe malfunction.

Let us also not forget Zack's infamous gigantic cell phone that doubled as a launch detector or lethal weapon. Principal Richard Belding would frequently run into them and discipline them, but he genuinely seems to care about his students and would be the one who the kids turned to the most for help.

As corny as the jokes were, people were entertained by the crew's ridiculous school adventures or by the crew themselves. Zach was seen as the coolest kid in the world and he always got the girl...several of them actually.

I believe the number ended up being 91. Slater swooned many young female viewers with his fabulous dancing skills and macho physique. Kelly power-cheered her way into young boy's hearts.

Saved by the Bell bring to light real teenage issues. Behind the demon, hairstyles, and colorful backdrop, the show takes on social hurt-hitting issues that real teens deal with - sexual relationships, peer pressure, drug abuse, financial issues, and things of the like.

For a show that's supposed to be all about the comedy, Saved by the Bell incorporates many dramatic elements in the show in order to provide average teens with something more than just caricatures on screen.

Because of their well-intentioned premise, Saved by the Bell is seen by many as the best serious "comedy" sitcom ever.

It gives the viewers a chance to learn from the character's mistake in hopes that they may grow from their experience.

Album review: James Yancey's "Donuts"

Lewis Pacheco
A&E Editor

In February of 2006, we lost one of the great innovators of modern music. James "J Dilla/Jay Dee" Yancey, of Detroit, was, as many a reporter has since put it, your favorite hip-hop producer's favorite hip-hop producer.

His career making beats lasted little more than a decade, during which time he racked up an impressive resume of credits in both the underground hip-hop and neo-soul scenes.

Unfortunately, his time on Earth making incredible records was cut short in 2006, when shortly after his 32nd birthday he passed away from complications due to lupus. His album "Donuts," often considered by fans and critics alike to be his magnum opus, was secretly recorded on his laptop in bed between medical procedures.

Released on his actual 32nd birthday, the album is a collection of 31 exciting instrumentals which veer towards the soul-sampling side of his musical personality, and which, more importantly, are among the most vibrant and life-affirming tracks he ever created.

After a short intro the listener is greeted with the longest track on the album

and perhaps the only one that structurally resembles an actual song, "Workin' on it." Loud guitars and scratched vocal samples of the Beastie Boys build a heavy and chaotic groove. The drums excitingly and naturally change patterns a number of times, and as the track finally nears its end, the listener has had a definite auditory work out.

The rest of the album is comprised of a goldmine of 60- to 90-second beats, each of which stays long enough to make an impression, but not nearly long enough to get old. Some are incredibly bizarre, such as the Frank Zappa sampling "Mash" and the off-kilter centerpiece "Lightworks."

More often than not, however, the instrumentals are the exact opposite of abrasive. In fact, most of this album sounds exactly like (and technically is made up of) 1960's and early 1970's soul. Of the different soul brands, most resemble the Motown/Detroit sound.

Some of the grooves are mean and funky, such as the fantastic horn breaks on "Gobstopper," "Airworks," "Geek Down," and "Anti-American Graffiti." A great deal many are also very beautiful and soulful. "Time: The Donut Of The Heart" floats by on cool guitar and strings borrowed

from The Jackson 5, and Dionne Warwick meets Jadakiss with fantastic results on "Stop."

After a pair of beats tenderly and aptly titled "Hi" and "Bye" (which listeners may recognize from later being used by Ghostface Killah and Common, respectively), the listener finds one next-to-last munchkin, titled "Last Donut of the Night."

Curtis Mayfield-esque string and guitar interplay absolutely tears at the heartstrings, and the instant burst of nostalgia is a fitting way to conclude both such a musical thrill ride and an amazing talent's career. This bubble of emotion gets popped by the incredibly joyous "Donuts (Intro)," closing the album very well and bringing it full circle.

Donuts, although its origins are tragic, contains 45 minutes of some of the most uplifting and exciting music I have ever had the pleasure to hear. J Dilla's joyfully creative soul shines through on every single track, as I'm sure he intended. Rather than despairing at the end of his life, the man used his gifts to create his own gift to music fans of all kinds. No matter what your tastes are, Donuts is essential listening.

Please, I insist, find it, listen to it, enjoy it, and absorb it. As many fans will attest, it could change your life.

Following Senior Day, WSU teams play for MASCAC title

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Westfield State's women's basketball team ended their amazing regular season last Saturday as they easily defeated Fitchburg State 66-41.

It was the Owls (20-5, 11-1 MASCAC) 11th straight win and marked the tenth time in school history that the team won 20 games.

The Owls were led by a very strong performance from senior forward Ashley Finnegan, who posted her 17 double double of the season with a game high 21 points and 14 rebounds.

Finnegan and fellow senior Cassy Jouannet, who finished with 10 points and six rebounds, were honored before the game as it was Senior Day for the Owls.

With the victory, the Owls were able to clinch first place and the number one seed in the MASCAC tournament.

The game was never really in doubt for the Owls as they led at one point in the game by 19 points.

However, though the Lady Owls won the game coach Andrea Bertini was a little concerned with the large amount of turnovers her team had. If the Owls want to make a deep run into the NCAA D-III tournament they must be able to limit their mistakes and shoot better from the outside for the whole game.

Westfield only shot four of 18 from three-point range and all of four of those makes came in the first half.

The Owls were able to seal the win thanks in large part Finnegan's 13 second half points, along with Jouannet's 10 points. The Owls out-rebounded the Lady Falcons by a large margin of 43-27 and held the Falcons to only 29 percent shooting from the field.

On Thursday, February

24 the first seeded Owls took on Worcester State in the semifinals of the MASCAC tournament (game played after publication) and a win in that game would mean Westfield will host the MASCAC Championship tomorrow, February 26.

On the men's side, the Owls were able to get a strong performance from sophomore guard Lee Vazquez as he scored a game high 24 points in a 75-69 win over Fitchburg State on Senior Day.

Before the game, the Owls recognized the two seniors on the team Jesse Benoit and Chris Jurkowski.

After a slow first half for Benoit, he was able to pick it up and had a very nice second half and finished the game with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Owls finished the regular season with a record of 11-14 and were able to finish in a three-way tie for second place in the MASCAC at 7-5. Based on tie-breakers the Owls were awarded the number four seed in the MASCAC tournament.

Sophomore big man Matt Devine continued his great year chipping in 18 points in the game.

The game was close throughout the first half with Fitchburg going inside with 6-8 big man Zach Valliere who scored 20 points in the game, 13 of them coming in the first half, including a two handed dunk.

Fitchburg also attempted a Blake Griffin style alleyoop but failed to do so as Kyle Berk was unable to bring the ball in and finish the slam.

In the second half fans were able to witness some great coaching antics as both the Fitchburg and Westfield coaching staffs screamed at the officials. Eventually Westfield State head coach Rich Sutter received a technical foul as he screamed "give it to me" at the official.

Nevertheless, the Owls were able to recover and pull



Photo by mortssports.net

Lee Vasquez has put together back-to-back great games for the Owls.

away late in the game thanks to some key free throws.

On Tuesday night, the Owls defeated Framingham State 76-57 in the first round of the MASCAC tournament.

Westfield was led by 27 points from Vazquez and 17 points apiece from Jurkowski and freshman Andrew Morgan.

Westfield played Salem State on the road Thursday

night in the semifinals of the MASCAC tournament and a win in that game would mean the Owls would play tomorrow, February 26 for the MASCAC Championship.

New York state of mind: Carmelo headed to the Knicks

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

Finally, it's all over. Carmelo Anthony has been shipped off to New York City to play for the Knicks. New York beat out the New Jersey Nets in trade talks with Denver on Monday night.

In the past few years the relationship between Anthony and the Nuggets, who drafted him in 2003, has been growing apart.

There have always been rumors Anthony would love to play in New York in the city he was born in.

Anthony's wife Alani Vazquez, who is a host on MTV, also lives in New York.

This trade was a great move for both teams.

If Denver held onto

Anthony past this year's deadline they would have inevitably lost him to free agency after this season.

The Nuggets avoided a LeBron James incident this summer by getting a deal done well before Thursday's trade deadline.

As a result of this trade, Denver receives Wilson Chandler, Raymond Felton, Danilo Gallinari, Timofey Mozgov, the Knicks' 2014 first-round draft pick, the Warriors' 2012 second-round pick, the Warriors' 2013 second-round pick and \$3 million in cash.

Denver made the smart move by cutting their losses with Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups and is starting to rebuild with a lot of pieces to start them off.

After a year or two of

drafting the Nuggets will find themselves right back in the playoff hunt.

The New York Knicks were the big winners Monday night when they acquired two all-stars.

Although the Knicks got rid of some depth, they received a top-5 talent in the league and a veteran point guard who knows how to win in the playoffs.

I think the Knicks will do some damage in the playoffs, but will fall short of the Eastern Conference Finals.

This trade sets the Knicks up perfectly after this season when they hope to sign all-star point guard Chris Paul.

If New York were to sign Paul this summer, they would instantly become a NBA Finals contender.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



It finally went down.

After months of talk and speculation rivaling the LeBron drama of last summer, Carmelo Anthony finally got his wish and was traded to the New York Knicks.

Everyone knew it would happen. Somehow, somehow, Carmelo was going to end up a Knick.

Now I'll always be partial to Anthony since he led Syracuse, my favorite team in college athletics, to a National Championship back in 2003.

But it's hard not to admit that the former Orange star looks like LeBron 2.0 – except that Anthony wasn't even a free agent and shouldn't have been able to handpick the team he'd be traded to.

He forced Denver's hands, and not wanting to suffer the same fate as the league's worst 10-46 Cavs, the Nuggets were forced to trade Carmelo to a team he'd sign an extension with and get the best package they could.

In my opinion, the Nuggets did a hell of a job.

As I write this column Tuesday morning, Denver now has two new starters on its roster in Raymond Felton and Wilson Chandler, two trading chips in Danilo Gallinari and Timofey Mozgov, a first round pick in 2014, additional second round picks and cash.

Hey, that's a whole lot better than what Cleveland got for LeBron.

Denver can continue to rebuild and move forward.

It's been a tough year for head coach George Karl trying to coach a team whose star wanted out and was eventually going to be traded.

Karl now has a group of solid young players to work

with and while it will be tough to stay in the playoff race (Denver is currently the seventh place team in the Western Conference) the Nuggets should have a bright future.

New York on the other hand finally got the superstar they wanted to play alongside Amare Stoudemire.

The two will combine for 50-60 points a game, but neither is a defensive stud and there won't be much depth on the Knicks' roster.

New York's starting lineup will consist of Chauncey Billups, Landry Fields, Anthony, Stoudemire and probably Ronny Turiaf.

Toney Douglas, Corey Brewer, Shawne Williams and Shelden Williams will be their top players off the bench.

The Knicks are in no way a title contender with this roster. They are much more relevant and with a couple more players could be a serious contender in the future, but at this point they're still behind Boston, Miami, Chicago and Orlando in the East.

Congratulations to Spike Lee and the rest of the MSG crew – you got your man Carmelo. But you'll still be one and done in the playoffs this year.

Depending on what happens with the new CBA this summer (yes it's not just the NFL that's in danger of a lockout) New York might not have enough money to sign another big name in the future, aka Chris Paul, Deron Williams or Dwight Howard, with the massive contracts of Anthony and Stoudemire.

The trade made New York better – they were only floating around .500 before the trade – but just how much better

remains to be seen.

The Knicks vs. Heat game on Sunday night should be very, very interesting.

In other NBA news, Serge Ibaka was absolutely robbed in the dunk contest this past weekend.

While it was already a foregone conclusion that Blake Griffin would win the contest, he had the worst two dunks of the first round and in reality didn't deserve to be in the finals.

Serge Ibaka dunks from behind the free throw line and only gets a 45... are you kidding me!?

DeMar DeRozan, who also got robbed, did the same off the side of the backboard dunk that Griffin did but also put the ball through his legs – making it a harder dunk. Griffin got a 46 for his while DeRozan only got a 44... what!?

DeRozan then followed up his first dunk with a show stopping ally-ooop to himself that he reverse slam dunked.

But it was already too late for DeRozan as his score on the first dunk made it impossible for him to get to the finals.

In other words, both Ibaka and DeRozan were more deserving than Griffin to be in the finals.

People keep saying that Griffin's first dunk was going to be amazing but he missed his first two attempts and then did a simpler dunk – you know what, it did look like it was going to be ridiculous but he didn't actually complete the dunk.

You can't give the guy points for doing a dunk that he never actually made!

Heck, JaVale McGee could've dunked four balls at the same time and it wouldn't have mattered – Blake Griffin

was going to win and nothing could have changed that. Got to love the NBA.

The actual All-Star game was pretty ugly for most of the first half. The Eastern Conference played like the ball had been lathered up or dumped in a pool of butter. No one could dribble it or complete a pass, leading to an absurd amount of turnovers.

Kobe Bryant went off as usual and LeBron James played the role of the hero late in the game and almost led the Eastern Conference to a comeback win. But Kevin Durant hit some clutch shots late and the West held on for the win.

The half time show was great, the best I can remember for an NBA All-Star game, and has people wondering if the NFL needs to take a few notes.

I also must add that I gained a lot of respect for Justin Bieber over the weekend seeing him cross up people that were a foot taller and hit a couple three-pointers with that

unorthodox shot despite his diminutive size – he was fun to watch.

Before I end, I have to mention the NFL combine. It takes place this weekend in Indianapolis and always gets me excited since it means the draft is only two months away.

I'm looking forward to seeing Cam Newton and Jake Locker perform and to hopefully see Blaine Gabbert, who has chosen not to even throw at the combine, be exposed for the fraud #1 quarterback that people are currently putting him as.

I could be wrong, but in my opinion Gabbert is just a product of Missouri's spread offense that produced studs like Chase Daniel (that's sarcasm) and will not be a successful NFL QB.

I'll have a lot more on the combine and my opinions on this year's draft class in next week's issue.

In the meantime, have a great weekend boys and girls and as always, thanks for reading.

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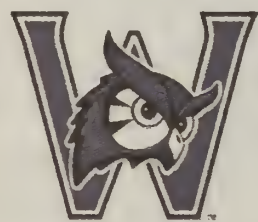
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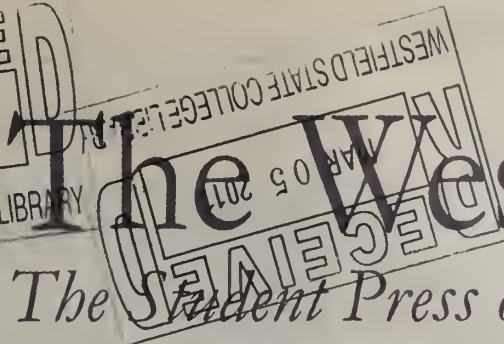
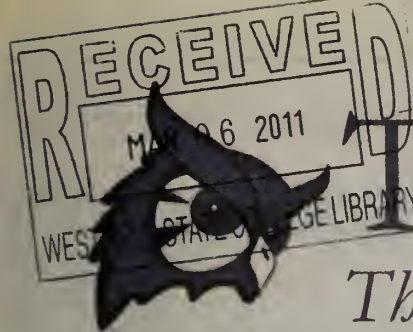
Correction:

In the March 4, 2011 story “WSU stats show low number of reported sexual assaults,” it was reported that there could have been upwards of 150 rapes on campus last year.

This figure was calculated using a published national study that estimated that 3 percent of all college women become rape victims as undergraduates.

This figure was then applied to WSU using the figure of 5,000 female students. In actuality, there are 2,622 female undergraduates, so the correct estimate would be 78 rapes.

The writer regrets the error.



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WSU stats show low number of reported sexual assaults

Austin Hall
Voice Reporter

Westfield State University recorded only two rapes for 2009, but the police reports do not tell the full story of what happens on campus in regard to sexual assault.

Susan LaMontagne, the Dean of Student Affairs, thought that most rapes on campus go unreported.

"It's very common knowledge that nation-wide rapes are one of the most underreported crimes," LaMontagne said.

In fact, she thinks that most go unreported, "Certainly national statistics would suggest that most go unreported," LaMontagne said.

According to RAINN.org, 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

Because of this statistic, the numbers from Westfield State University seem to be misleading. Rape charges that have been recorded for the last three years have shown considerable improvement in protecting students against rape and sexual assault.

From 2007-2009, rape reports have gone down from six to two reports during the year according to the Campus Safety Chronicle.

But, the city of Westfield

has had a problem with rapes and sexual assaults on its own. From 2007 to 2008, rapes/sexual assaults per 100,000 people went from 27 to 51.4, the highest it's ever been.

Not only that, but the percentage of crimes related to rape has gone from 2% in 2007 to 3% in 2008.

Worst still, if one looks at the United States average of rapes that occur per 100,000 people, the average is 30.1. This means that Westfield's rate is much higher than the nation's average.

Unreported incidents have been speculated about for decades, and the numbers are quite surprising.

In fact, "The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) reports that the majority of rapes and sexual assaults perpetrated against women and girls in the United States between 1992 and 2000 were not reported to the police.

"Only 36 percent of rapes, 34 percent of attempted rapes, and 26 percent of sexual assaults were reported."

Furthermore, one survey of college students, which relied on student self-reports, not crime reports, found that about three percent of all college women become victims of either completed or attempted rape in a

given nine-month academic year.

The numbers seem low, but three percent translates into 30 such crimes for every 1,000 women students. For a campus with 10,000 female students, the number would reach 300.

Since this is a campus of about 5,000 students, if this is true, there would have been 150 rapes and/or sexual assaults on campus last year.

That's about 148 possible rapes/sexual assaults that weren't reported. So, why do rapes go unreported?

"On college campuses I think it is particularly difficult because in most cases you're talking about acquaintance rape, acquaintance sexual assault and there is just a huge layer of mixed emotions that go along with that," LaMontagne said.

The numbers on that don't lie. In fact, 73% of rapes/sexual assault victims know who their attacker is.

LaMontagne, on the other hand, has some advice.

"Be good friends, don't leave your friends alone at the party, check in, make sure things are okay, don't take drinks that haven't been mixed by you, don't drink," LaMontagne said.

When it comes to acquaintance rape she says, "Have

a little skepticism, don't trust everybody. But on the other hand you don't want to develop a sense that nobody should trust everybody on campus," LaMontagne said.

Things are also being done to quell these problems, "We have a Sexual Assault Prevention Education Committee that was formed this year by the Vice President, and has students, faculty and staff on it.

"They are in the process of finishing up a master calendar of educational and prevention activities that we are going to be instituting over the summer and into the fall," LaMontagne said.

She also went on to say that this is first time that education on this topic has been organized with students, faculty and staff all working together.

For the most part though, students seem pretty safe. There are a few students who think the university could be doing more, such as having the campus police conduct walking patrols.

Yet, eight out of the ten students surveyed felt that the university is doing enough on campus.

Not only that, but nine out of the ten students have never known of a sexual assault incident that happened on campus.

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7:30p.m.

Nuttin' but Stringz Live!

Dever Hall/Stage

8:00p.m.

Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1

Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, March 5

8:00p.m.

Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1

Sunday, March 6

3:00p.m.

USAF Band of Liberty's Bay State Winds Clarinet Quartet

Dever Stage

6:00p.m.

Xbox on the big screen featuring Halo

Ely Main Lounge

7:30p.m.

Junior Recital
Dever Stage

Speaker Robert Shutt's etiquette dinner a success

Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

On Thursday February 24, 2011 the Westfield State University Honors Program in conjunction with Career Services and some other organizations on campus helped to host an etiquette dinner.

The host of the evening was etiquette speaker Robert Shutt.

Robert started the website rasolutions.net which is aimed at holding etiquette presentations at both professional organizations as well as college and university campuses.

Robert started his career as a speaker in 1997 and has since then helped to host many etiquette dinners in which he teaches a wide array of skills that are to be used in a business dinner setting.

He began his presentation on Thursday with a brief introduction of himself and then delved into other introductions.

Namely, how to introduce yourself especially when on a business interview. He gave the attendees helpful pointers, such as

"follow the leader" which basically means that follow in the footsteps of the host.

Wait to sit until the host is seated; wait to eat until the host has started, etc.

Next, he moved on to how to navigate the seemingly intimidating place setting in front of us.

Robert explained that you work from the outside in, and always leave a used utensil on the plate that way you do not get confused about which you have used and which ones are left.

Robert explained where your drink goes, how to butter your bread and how to sip, not slurp, your soup.

He told stories of business dinners that he had been to that had gone awry and those that have ended on a good note.

Over the course of the dinner Robert taught how to effectively converse while also enjoying a meal.

He also explained exactly what to do during each meal, how to pass the bread and the salt and how to daintily eat your entrée course.

Those in attendance learned a great deal that night about what to order and how to act, when to sit and when to stand, where



Photo by rasolutions.net

Etiquette speaker Robert Shutt hosted WSU's etiquette dinner this February.

to look and when to speak.

The most valuable lesson of the night was to remember that whatever business dinner you are at is not so much about the food as it is about the connections with the people you are with and to not

get too wrapped up in it.

Robert Shutt is a skilled teacher that taught a room full of undergraduate college students techniques and manners that we will one day need to employ in both an efficient and fun way.

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Catching up with WSU alumni

Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

If you've ever wanted to chat with an alumni of WSU, now's your chance. The Alumni Office is hosting a mentor day on Thursday, April 13th from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Bob Camara, a graduate from 1990 who was a resident Mass Communication major is one of the visiting alumni.

During his years as a student at Westfield State, Camara was on the Student Senate, was a Davis Hall Representative and Treasurer, and in the college music ensemble. His goals upon graduation were to find a job in the Public Affairs/Communication field and he did just that.

Right after graduation, Camara worked in retail until he found a job in nonprofit work

and government service both on the state and federal levels. Since graduation, Camara has taken advantage of the fact that the Career Services Center welcomes back any student who has graduated and needs



help finding jobs.

When asked how Westfield affected his career path, Camara explained that, "I think the small-college atmosphere, with its great student-to-professor ratio, was the perfect environment for me to develop the skills necessary

to succeed." Some of you may wonder how that is going to help you since Westfield State has changed so much since the 1990s.

Even though the campus has grown, Camara believes that "it seems to have maintained the character that keeps it attractive to many students."

While at Westfield State, Camara had an opportunity to do an internship at U.S. Senator John Kerry's District Office in Springfield, Ma. Camara feels that an internship is an amazing experience and that it was "really cool" to be a 21-year-old attending a number of events as a representative of the senator.

Camara, like many other alumni, has come a long way, but still values the important opportunities that Westfield State provided him. Without a doubt, Camara would recommend this university to anyone.

Another mentor to grace us with her presence at the Alumni Mentor day is Sharon Shepard.

Sharon Shepard, graduate of 1989, was a resident student with a major in business. As a student at Westfield State, Shepard spent a semester at the University of South Dakota through the National Student Exchange program. Shepard was also active in an intramural team all four years and it won her senior year.

Like many other students here at Westfield State who look back on their four years, Shepard wishes that she had taken her experience more seriously at times and was more involved in official campus activities.

Shepard still feels, however, that she got out of Westfield what she put into it. Through her college experience, she was able to explore a variety

of classes and career options that prepared her for a job upon graduation.

After graduation, Shepard worked as a "glorified" secretary. Through this experience she learned that



she wanted to work in the field of marketing. Shepard's first marketing job gave her the experience and helped her learn more and more about the process.

Now, Shepard feels

that she is doing exactly what she loves and has been doing it for almost 10 years. Even though she was working woman, Shepard found time to attend graduate school to receive her MBA six years after graduating.

While at Westfield State, Shepard had an opportunity to do an internship at the Juvenile District Court in Springfield, Ma.

She feels that an internship is an amazing experience and sometimes it actually helps students decide what careers they do not want to pursue. In her case, Shepard learned that she did not want to pursue a career in law.

Shepard is still grateful for the important things that Westfield State provided her and she values Westfield so much that she introduced her stepdaughter to the school and now she is graduating in May.

Student Spotlight



Name: Johanna "JoJo" Sutliff
Hometown: Savoy, Massachusetts
Major: Criminal Justice; Ethnic & Gender Studies

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I really want to be a police officer. I can totally see myself as a police officer and trying to make a difference in people's lives and representing justice. I really can't see myself doing anything else since everything else seems pretty boring.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
"Forget You" By Cee Lo Green

If you had the chance to invite any person over for dinner, who would it be and what would you talk about?

I would invite Lady Gaga and we would talk about the importance of tolerance and accepting everyone the way they are and discuss why gay marriage needs to be legal NOW! The world would be a lot better if everyone truly followed the "Golden Rule."

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

My favorite thing to do when not in class is definitely chillaxing with my friends. I absolutely love my friends that I have met in college!

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

When a friend told me I could do anything that I wanted to and to forget about those who put me down because they don't matter. You got to do what you love and live life.

Lucky Number?

15!...it was my soccer jersey number back in high school.

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

The Donoghue Report: An Angry and Proud Noninterventionist

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

First off, why are you seeing my name on a page that doesn't have the word Sports at the top? Good question. I don't have a good answer though.

Second, what does the word noninterventionist mean? Good question. I don't have a good answer though – I just used a thesaurus and came across the word. I think it sounds pretty intelligent though.

There are a lot of serious issues I could discuss with you today. Wisconsin, Libya, collective bargaining, government shutdown, rising gas prices and the budget are a few key words that come to mind.

The fact that two thirds of the campus probably has no idea what's going on in either Wisconsin or Libya is another issue all in itself, but I won't harp on that right here.

I do find it shocking, however, the number of students I talked to that had no idea what was going on in Egypt a few weeks ago (it's quite sad too, considering the multi-week protests epitomize the right of people to peaceably "assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances").

But hey, who really cares about what's going on in another country? We're the United freaking States of America!

Libya. What is that? Probably some Middle Eastern country full of terrorists.

So anyway, I'm sure you have no interest in hearing what I have to say about that situation. It's not like it really involves us or has any impact on our national security, foreign relations or economy (it will definitely have absolutely zero effect on the price you pay at the pump).

In fact, rather than wasting your time reading the rest of this article you might as well just go play another round of Call of Duty. Now that's something that really matters in life.

If your Xbox has the red ring of death however and you're stuck reading the rest of this, I guess I'll switch gears and talk about something taking place on U.S. soil – by the way, I'm pretty sure John Boehner just cried upon hearing the mention of U.S. soil – made him think of his emotional blue collar childhood back in Ohio.

Wisconsin. I wonder what percent of Westfield students can locate Wisconsin on a map. I'm going to guess 30%, but that might be pushing it. In fact, I know that's pushing it.

For those of you who can't, I'm not sure how you passed the fifth grade. But hey, congratulations on making it to college.

What's happening in Wisconsin, for those of you who are actually still reading this and may or may not know, has a pretty big impact on everyone in this country.

Ever heard of the National Education Association? Or maybe the International Brotherhood of Teamsters? What about the National Postal Mailhandlers Union, the Communications Workers of America or the United Steelworkers of America? These are all examples of labor unions boys and girls.

As all knowing Wikipedia states, labor unions are "legally recognized as representatives of workers in many industries. Activity by labor unions in the United States today centers on collective bargaining over wages, benefits, and working conditions for their membership and on representing their members if management attempts to violate contract provisions."

In other words, by being a member of a labor union you are able to pull together and fight for fair wages and working conditions, something that is much harder for an individual employee to do. Strength in numbers, right? Wisconsin Republican (more tax cuts for the wealthy!) Scott Walker wants to restrict the collective

bargaining rights of public employees in an attempt to balance his state's budget.

So basically he'll tell teachers what they're going to make, when they're going to work and how they're going to do it. What a great idea! Who needs democracy anyway? It's overrated, right?

I think the Wisconsin Republicans have gotten our country confused with some other countries that have been in the news (see Egypt and/or Libya). I thought collective bargaining was a fundamental right in the public workplace... but hey, I'm just the sports guy so what do I know.

Wisconsin Democrats (more welfare for the poor!) have responded by leaving... yes I'm serious. The Democratic members of the Wisconsin state senate have left the state in order to avoid voting on the proposed bill because a vote can't be held without enough senators to reach a quorum. What a great idea!

I love the message this sends: rather than talking it out when things aren't going our way, let's just get up and leave. That'll show them!

Next time a professor gives you a test that you don't think is fair, just get the whole class to stand up and walk out, leaving the blank tests lying naked on the desks. That'll show them.

In other words, both sides are true winners in this situation. Compromise is overrated. Let partisanship rule!

My solution to this mess: sell Wisconsin to the country of Canada. Maybe we can get some maple trees, bacon, universal health care or all-star hockey players in return (had to make at least one sports reference and I couldn't end without insulting Canada).

Note: The preceding editorial is what most people would refer to as satire. It may or may not reflect the actual views of the author. If I have offended anyone with the things I have said, get thicker skin.

Editor's Desk



All those weeks of not having any homework are finally catching up to me. But that's okay...all I have to do is work my butt off until the end of next week... Then I get to relax on a nice comfy plane and watch movies/sleep/study French books for over 6 hours until we arrive in PARIS!

I know you guys are probably tired of hearing us talk about our trip. But can you blame us?

Okay, instead I'll give shout outs to everyone who reads my Editor's Desk (that I know of)! : Mom, Dad, Nana, Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue, Jojo (my roommate - see page 3), Tyler, Tom (even though he calls it "Student of the Week"), Maddy, Alex, and Rob! Short list :(but thanks to everyone I don't know about!

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Politics: Partisanship in America



Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Under the "Politics" section of The New York Times online, one can investigate recent congressional activity and votes taken on recent bills.

This feature also includes the roll call votes so one can see how certain senators and congresspersons voted on different legislation.

This part of the site also includes a side bar with a column called Top Senate Voting Against Party. The top

senator from this category was Tom Harkin (D) from Iowa.

Senator Harkin's name at the top of the list was not the most outstanding feature, however.

The fact that this information even appears on the site is much more interesting and concerning.

This column, as insignificant as it may be, demonstrates how partisan American politics really has become.

How did government become so polarized?

Democrats and Republicans oftentimes vote along party lines and show not only hesitance in coming to compromises with the other party, but even outright disdain.

Political Scientist Richard M. Skinner wrote in 2008 that this lack of bipartisanship traces its origins to the Reagan presidency during the 1980s.

According to Skinner,

"Reagan polarized the electorate more than any of his predecessors, even Richard Nixon."

Although Reagan (and Nixon, too) was a Republican president, the problem of hyper-partisanship is not a sole Republican responsibility.

It may have started with Reagan, but this resistance to reach compromises with the other party continues today.

Now, it may threaten progress along with the very instrument of national success that the president, every congressperson and senator, and the judiciary swear to when they take office.

That instrument of success is the U.S. Constitution and although its interpretations have changed over time, the basic ideals are still valid.

These senators and congresspersons are public servants and they serve the American people.

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Traveling to Mexico for Spring Break unwise

Andrew Johnson
Voice Reporter

At many popular resorts and tourist destinations, the levels of safety standards are far below those in the U.S. from low balcony railing heights to lack of lifeguards at the pools to non-existent first aid emergency plans and even drug cartel violence and corrupt cops.

With the help of vacation websites targeted at college-aged youths, such as MexicoSpringBreakTours.com, ads are promoting 'the ultimate spring break' in Mexico for cheap rates without any postings or warnings of the potential dangers.

According to the Mexico Vacation Awareness Organization, 32% of all "non-natural" deaths of U.S. citizens outside this

country occur in Mexico.

Unfortunately, the cost of doing business continues to grow each year as the Mexican tourism industry handles these accidents and deaths in a "more discreet" manner. Moreover, the U.S. tour operators refuse to acknowledge the facts and continue promoting the area without conscience.

If you are planning to go on vacation to Mexico, you should reconsider it. Cash in your plane tickets and cancel your hotel reservations, and go to Florida instead or just buy Red Sox opening day tickets.

Mexico is, without question, a dangerous place right now and there is a very prevalent disregard for safety, security, and life that exists in the Riviera Maya area, including Cancun.

If you are not affected by this information and are still thinking of vacationing there, here are some tips:

Research the hotel you're staying at thoroughly. Find out any past 'history' that the resort might not want its tourists to know.

Use official taxis. Rent one through your hotel or have a restaurant call one. Never flag down a taxi on the street, even if it looks official. There is an abundance of reports of female passengers sometimes made to strip, but increasingly they are assaulted or raped.

Don't make yourself a target by wearing expensive jewelry or watches or announcing you're an American with a logo-laden baseball cap or T-shirt.

Don't go looking for local color in dive bars or neighborhoods off the beaten track. Tourists are more often finding themselves targeted for robbery than being toasted with tequila in out-of-the-way joints.

Editor's Desk



Well, hello there!

What shall I discuss this week? Well, I had my interview for New Student Orientation this week! I want to wish good luck to everyone going for it! :)

I am going home this weekend, well on Saturday until Monday (sorry professors, I'm missing class =/). I am just not mentally prepared to fly out of the United States into a foreign country. I haven't flown anywhere farther than Florida before! Therefore, I am taking a personal day to prepare myself!

I heard there was supposed to be another 10-20 inches of snow next week. Please, mother nature, be nice to us and KEEP THE SNOW AWAY! I don't know about you all, but I've had enough.

That's it, bye lovelies! :)

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Letter to the Editors:

Hello, Westfield Voice.

I'm writing after reading the Friday, February 25 edition of The Voice. I was disappointed to discover an upsetting error in the cover story. The coverage of the "So You Think You Can Dance" benefit states that there were two emcees, Jill Manganelli and Braidy Zavisza. The photograph accompanying the article is captioned "[faculty] pose with the three emcees." Nikki Nado, standing in the back row on the left in the photo, is not named, though she was the third emcee and did help make the event a success.

Less egregiously, Kathi Bradford's name is misspelled.

I hope that you take the opportunity to correct this error in the next issue of The Voice and recognize Nikki Nado for her work.

Sincerely,
Sam Miskiv

Boxing vs. MMA

Chris McDaniel
Voice Reporter

Every day, the debate between Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) intensifies.

The sports are heading in opposite directions. Boxing was once a staple of American sports with fighters like Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Mike Tyson and many others.

Now, a new sport is on the horizon and gaining steam to pass boxing as the major combat sport of the world.

There are many reasons for the demise of boxing, but the biggest could be the inability to set up the fights that the fans want to see. There is only one fight that boxing fans want to see, the top two pound for pound boxers in the world, Pacquiao versus Mayweather.

At the same time in the Ultimate Fighting Championship, the MMA organization, which holds most of the renowned fighters in almost every division, looks

like it's on the verge of getting the top two pound for pound fighters, Anderson Silva and Georges St-Pierre to fight.

The best talent in boxing doesn't believe two top organizations belong to promoters. Promoters don't want to put on the fight fans want to see. They want to put on the fight that is the biggest payday. Mayweather versus Pacquiao has become a drama involving steroid accusations, racial issues and any other storylines from a soap opera one can think of.

The only thing in the way of an MMA superfight is Georges St-Pierre is his upcoming fight with Jake Shields. If St-Pierre gets past Shields, there seems like nothing will stop the Silva versus St-Pierre fight from happening.

MMA has a bad connotation because it's viewed as a "fight to the death." However, there have been less deaths in MMA than there have been in boxing. Find out for yourself which one is better by watching the sport on TV.

SGA Report: Concert tickets \$10

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association convened on Tuesday, February 15 for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Dr. Marsha Marotta, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Dr. Elizabeth Preston, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs were the night's guest speakers.

Dr. Marotta pointed out that the schedule book for fall classes came out on Friday, February 25.

There was a question posed of whether the registration glitches had been worked out from last semester.

Dr. Marotta responded, "We have done a lot of testing and work on this. We are expecting things to go much more smoothly than they did at the last registration."

"We hope we don't have any glitches, but we will definitely have less than last semester."

Dr. Preston and Dr.

Marotta said they will be happy to come back with Chris Hirtle, the head of the IT department, to give a last minute update once it gets closer to registration time.

Brandon Burr, Vice President of Programming, announced, "The CAB Exec Board has made the decision to charge for the concert on Spring Weekend."

"Tickets will be going on sale the day after Spring Break, March 21."

Tickets will only be for the concert, not for the day of events on the green.

CAB will be giving away 100 free tickets at events like bingo, trivia, open mic, etc."

There are 2,000 tickets available and they will be selling for \$10.00.

Most schools charge for their Spring Concert, and the ticket money for the Travie McCoy concert will be going towards making Spring Weekend even better in the future.

John Pommenville of the Commuter Council said, "The coat drive was a great success with over 120

articles of winter clothing.

"We purchased Red Sox tickets for April 30th and they will be going on sale soon."

Allie McLaughlin, the Class of 2013 President reported, "The Class of 2013 will be hosting a Faculty/Staff Basketball game on Tuesday March 29th. It will be held at 8:00 in Woodward." More information will be available soon.

Taylor Fote, Davis Hall President announced Davis will be hosting a Mardi Gras Party on Tuesday March 8th. The time is to be announced.

Stone Koury, Dickinson Hall President said Dickinson will be having a Sundaes on Sunday event.

They will be serving ice cream at 12:00 AM on Sunday morning after the Travie McCoy concert.

Student Government Elections are coming up and will take place in April.

The next Student Government meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30 PM.

Opinion: hyper-partisanship is destroying American politics

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It is not possible that all 535 of these men and women ignored their American civics classes or missed the day in kindergarten when they were instructed to be kind to one another and "talk it out."

They all know what they have to do.

These public servants need to "talk it out," not "vote it out" because voting on these political sides results in stunted growth and no progress for the very people they are serving.

Upon his retirement, Senator Christopher Dodd said that "intense partisan polarization has raised the stakes in every debate and on every

vote, making it difficult to lose with grace and nearly impossible to compromise without cost."

Do all Republicans support Bush-era tax cuts for the rich?

Do all Democrats support Obama? No, they do not but they feel party pressure and vote that way.

Unless Democrats and Republicans want to consider secession from the United States, or split this country in half, then compromise is the only option.

The hyper-partisanship is not working, despite what they may believe.

Americans need their lawmakers to act responsibly and quickly and work together.

These senators and congresspersons may believe strongly to the left or right, but here's the problem: Republicans have a majority in the House and Democrats have a stronghold in the Senate.

So voting along party lines and supporting only their own parties ends in a stalemate.

The American people also need to stop the force of extreme polarization in their own circles of friends, family, schools, places of work, or elsewhere, which only creates division and feeds the hateful rhetoric.

Abraham Lincoln's well-known warning that "a house divided against itself

cannot stand" is still relevant and true today, both in American culture and politics.

The partisanship widespread throughout this country fuels the fire of division, which will eventually singe the very foundations of American government.

"Working together" is not just a nice little phrase; it is imperative to even low-level functioning of government.

Compromise is the only option now and the threat of severe division is just as serious as it has been in the past.

The U.S. Constitution does not say "We the Democrats..." or "We the Republicans..." but rather "We

the people of the United States."

So while advocating for policies and programs and bills is essential to the legislative process, compromise is also equally essential.

Those 535 lawmakers need to serve "We the People" and get something done to save every aspect of American life

We are looking for someone to write "The Angry Liberal" next year! If interested, contact thevoice@wsc.ma.edu or Kristin Sherwood, our current Angry Liberal, at ksherwood3162@wsc.ma.edu

STA's "Wasp" and "Pterodactyl" more than satisfy students

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

The Student Theater Association recently put on a production of two short plays: "WASP" by Steve Martin and "Pterodactyls" by Nicky Silver.

"WASP" takes place in the 1950's in the USA and focuses on a typical nuclear family: a father, a mother, a son, and a daughter.

The surrealistic play begins in a kitchen, where the family is eating dinner.

The family then gets ready to eat dessert,

which has mango in it.

The son, convincingly played by Colin Fuller, goes into hysterics at the prospect of eating mango.

He hilariously excuses himself from the table, leaving the family to finish without him.

After the daughter, played by Lauren Folan, sets off for "choir molestation" practice, the mother, played by Brittany Masse, confides in her husband that she is worried about her mental health.

Her husband, portrayed with aplomb by Brian Scannell, calms her down with cliché sayings like

"everything will be alright" and "we can overcome this."

The absurdity continues with the mother talking to voices, the son building a seven-story building in order to obtain a bicycle, and the son talking to the premier, hilariously portrayed by Richard Varela.

"WASP" was surreal, hilarious, and sad.

"Pterodactyls", by Nicky Silver, was the next play performed. This play takes place in Main Line, Philadelphia in the not too distant future.

"Pterodactyls" focused on the dysfunctional Duncan

family: a workaholic father, an alcoholic mother, a hysterical sister, and a brother with AIDS.

The play begins with Todd Duncan, played by Brad Kern, a brother and son who has been missing from home for years, talking about dinosaurs.

His sister, Emma Duncan, played by Lexi Wight, is engaged to her love of three weeks when Todd returns home.

Emma, a hysterical hypochondriac who constantly forgets things, doesn't remember who she is.

Grace Duncan, played by Laura Fusco, greets her son home with open arms and

an overflowing wine glass.

Todd informs the family that he has AIDS, which turns the family upside down.

Emma's fiancé, Tommy McKorcle, played by Brian Scannell, needs a job, so he becomes the family maid.

The rest of the play focuses on the incest and latent homosexuality that threatens to tear the family apart and eventually does.

Both plays were humorous, sad, and thought provoking. All of the cast and crew did a remarkable job, and I can't wait to see what the STA puts on next.

Television flashback: Fresh Prince of Bel Air



Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

A friend of mine recently said that he was getting the sixth season of the "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" on DVD.

Due to this, I thought it would be a good time to look at a show that sky rocketed the career of Will Smith.

The show aired almost 150 episodes from September of 1990 to May of 1996.

It is centered on a teenager named Will, played by Will Smith, who is sent from his home in Philadelphia to live with his rich aunt and uncle's family in Bel Air, California.

From his first day at the house, Will wreaks havoc.

He not only wreaks

havoc on his surroundings, but also on his cousins Carlton, Hilary, and Ashley.

Fortunately, they are wealthy and can afford to fix anything Will destroys.

The episodes all contain something humorous, but there is also something to learn. Every episode makes me laugh. The character development is excellent, especially Carlton's. As expected, brash and street-wise Will shook up the serious Banks' household.

Will reminded the Banks family that not everyone lived in luxury and privilege, while in return Phillip became a much-needed authority figure who pushed Will to channel his enthusiasm into education while teaching him about things like responsibility and honor.

Over the years, there were changes to the format: Will and Carlton eventually graduated from prep school

and enrolled in the fictional University of Los Angeles, Vivian, Will's aunt, gave birth to a fourth child, Ashley became a singer, and Will nearly married his girlfriend Lisa.

The two-part "Fresh Prince" series finale showed everyone ready to go their separate ways except for Will, who had not yet finished college and lied to the family about his situation.

Unaware of what was going on, Phillip put the family mansion up for sale, and he eventually sold the mansion to another family - George and Louise Jefferson.

Will's college lie was exposed, but Phillip helped Will find a new place to live so that he could finish his education, and everyone moved on to new adventures.

The show proved that not just comedy could rule. Serious issues were also covered, from racism to teenage sex.



Photo by celebrific.com

Perhaps the most touching episode, and one that best showcased the early talents of Will Smith, was the episode in which his estranged father makes an appearance.

Will quickly becomes excited by the prospect of going on the road with

his father, despite doubts about the prospect by Phil.

From the outset, it almost becomes too clear how the episode will pan out, yet like Will you hope in some way that his father will step up to the plate.

The final scene of the episode is breathtaking and heartbreaking, and only pulled off by Smith's superb acting.

"Fresh Prince" continues in re-runs, impressing audiences whether an episode has been seen once or a thousand times.

Have a favorite show - new or classic?

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REFLECTIONS

Shaquille O'Neal – Born March 6, 1972



Shaquille Rashaun O'Neal was born in Newark, New Jersey. He himself credits the Boys and Girls Club of America in his hometown for keeping him off the streets and giving his young self something

to do and a safe place to do it in. He went to high school in San Antonio, Texas and for the two years that he played basketball there, he helped the team win the state title. In his 1989 season, he got a record 791 rebounds and it remains the Texas state record to this day. In college, Shaq played for Louisiana State University, and was a tow-time All-American and the NCAA men's basketball player of the year in 1991, among other things. From '92 – '96 Shaq played for the Orlando Magic. In '93 he was named Rookie of the Year and was the

first rookie to be voted an All-Star since Michael Jordan in 1985. From '96 – '04 he played for the Los Angeles Lakers, and insisted that he was "not playing for the money" but for the love of the game. From there he went to the Miami Heat for four years, and then played for the Phoenix Suns and Cleveland Cavaliers for only one season each. Now, as the oldest player in the NBA, Shaq plays for the Boston Celtics. All the while, Shaq has maintained a likeable and playful attitude in the media, appearing in commercials and even on SNL.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Joe DiMaggio – Died March 8, 1999



DiMaggio was born in Martinez, California, one of five boys and four girls. His father had wanted all of his sons to grow up to be fisherman. However, DiMaggio had absolutely no interest for it, saying that fish "disgusted" him,

which led his father to believe he was ignorant and "good for nothing." DiMaggio's older brother, Vince, played semi-pro baseball on the San Francisco Seals, and Vince talked his manager into letting Joe play shortstop for a few games. Baseball wasn't really all that important to him until he started his hitting streak. He was quoted as saying, "Getting a daily hit became more important to me than eating, drinking or sleeping." In 1934, DiMaggio suffered an injury that almost ended his career before it started; while getting off of a trolley, he tore the ligaments

in his left knee. However, his knee healed and in 1935 he was named the league MVP. A year later he made his Major League debut with the New York Yankees and was later nicknamed the "Yankee Clipper." The Yankees had not been to the World Series for four years but with DiMaggio, they won the next four Fall Classics and in the 13 years Joe was on the team, they Yankees won nine titles. After a long and rumor-enticed married life – once to an actress and then to Marilyn Monroe – DiMaggio died shortly after having lung cancer surgery.

Book Review: Speaker for the Dead

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

Orson Scott Card is an extremely well known science fiction writer. Perhaps his strongest ability as a writer is his gift for creating complex moral dilemmas for his characters to work his way through.

He does this amazingly well in "Speaker for the Dead," a more philosophical sequel to the more militant (but equally excellent) "Ender's Game."

It should be noted that you will not at all be confused with this book if you have not read "Ender's Game"; it works equally well as a standalone novel.

Andrew Wiggin, 3000 years after the events of "Ender's Game," has been traveling throughout the universe using

the effects of space travel to extend his life and search for a new home planet for an alien race.

He finally finds one, but the planet is already inhabited by a human colony and another race.

The best part of this novel is its tightly weaved plot, with no detail being unimportant.

Every interaction between characters progresses the already interesting story.

The characters are also breathtaking. Each is intriguing and complex, including a sentient intelligence with millions of

levels of attention existing inside a communications network, several somewhat torn families filled with interesting characters, and Andrew Wiggin, who is a character study in himself.

The content is very heavy philosophically and mentally, and while it may have a good amount of action in it, a great amount of the plot progression is through dialogue (albeit excellent dialogue).

This book might not be to everyone's tastes, but it is an excellent novel that will certainly make you think.

9 out of 10.

Read any good books lately? Seen any good movies?

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Nuttin' But Stringz comes to Westfield State

Jimmy Deveney
Voice Reporter

Ten years ago, brothers Tourie and Damien Escobar were young teenagers who played their violins to passerby audiences in the subways of Queens, NY to help their struggling, single mother pay the bills.

Today, the brothers are grown and make up the Emmy Award winning, Grammy nominated group Nuttin' But Stringz that is coming to WSU.

Tourie and Damien grew up in the rough streets of Jamaica, Queens, NY. It is a neighborhood where many adolescents run the risk of falling victim to a life of self-destructive behaviors such as drug and crime.

At the ages of eight and seven respectively, the duo began studying the violin, and

used its influence as a means of escaping everything around them.

As young teens, the brothers would spend hours in the subways playing for anyone who would listen, collecting money to help pay the rent.

The brothers then attended the prestigious Julliard School and also the Bloomingdale School of Music, both in New York.

It was here they were exposed to various forms of classical music and were also able to harness their talents. They were able to create their own style of music, blending various genres such as classical, hip-hop, rap, R&B, and jazz.

After school, the brothers formed their group Nuttin' But Stringz and got their big break when they finished third on the television show *America's Got Talent*.

The duo then released their critically acclaimed debut

album "Struggle from the Subway to the Charts" in 2006. The album won two Emmy Awards and also got a Grammy nomination.

Since then, the brothers' success has been never ending. They have appeared on various talk shows such as The Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Today Show, and The Tonight Show.

The brothers have also performed at the infamous Apollo Theatre and even for President George W. Bush at the White House.

Thanks to Jessica Murphy, the assistant director of the Westfield State campus center and the person responsible for bringing the duo to Westfield, students will be able to see Nuttin' But Stringz perform live on campus for free.

"I think students will be interested in seeing Nuttin' But Stringz. I think that their



Photo by *babelsound.com*

new approach to a classical instrument like the violin will really captivate the audience. Also, the show is sold out, with most tickets going to students which is great!" Murphy said.

She continued, "What I'm most excited about is bringing something so unique and entertaining to campus.

I'm really looking forward to seeing how the audience responds as well because these guys have huge state presence and put a lot of energy into their performances."

The group is set to perform at Westfield State University tonight in the Dever Hall and Stage at 7:30p.m.

Attention all students!

It's that time of year again! The Student Government Association is hosting their annual Senate Banquet on April 1st, 2011. This is a time-honored tradition at WSU and is sure to be a great event! Anyone and everyone is encouraged to attend, whether it is with a date, friend, or just for fun!

Senate Banquet will be held at Chez Josef in Agawam, MA. For those of you who do not have transportation, no worries! Busses too and from the event will be provided; schedules are available in the SGA room when students purchase their tickets. Each student may purchase up to two tickets with a valid WSU ID. Tickets will cost \$40, which includes transportation, dinner, dancing, dressing up, and all around fun!

Tickets are now available for purchase at the Campus Center Window in Ely Hall! The hours for purchasing tickets will be 10am-4pm Monday-Friday.

Questions? Contact lethompson@wsc.ma.edu.

We hope to see you all at this great event!

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Top 10 Singles

1. Lady Gaga - Born This Way
2. Cee Lo Green - Forget You
3. Bruno Mars - Grenade
4. Dr. Dre ft. Eminem and Skylar Grey - I Need A Doctor
5. Katy Perry - Firework
6. Pink - F**kin' Perfect
7. Rihanna - S&M
8. Justin Bieber ft. Jaden Smith - Never Say Never
9. Enrique Iglesias ft. Ludacris & DJ Frank E - Tonight (I'm Lovin' You)
10. Wiz Khalifa - Black And Yellow

Top 5 Box Office Movies

1. Hall Pass
2. Unknown
3. The King's Speech
4. I Am Number Four
5. Just Go With It

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. The Next Three Days
2. Jackass 3D
3. Morning Glory
4. Every Day
5. Hereafter

Top 5 Albums

1. Justin Bieber - Never Say Never
2. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More
3. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
4. Bruno Mars - Doo-Wops & Hooligans
5. Eminem - Recovery

Fashion in Paris neutral and "au natural"

Alex Myers
Co-Editor-In-Chief

With travel plans springing about, Spring Break only being weeks away, one might be interested to know what the appropriate attire would be to wear in a foreign country and what not to bring from your everyday wardrobe. Let's take Paris, France as an example.

In Paris, neutrals are key – black, black, black. If you like florals, bright colors (like bright pink and neon green) leave them at home. Most of the locals in Paris live in the color black. It's slimming and always in style.

Next tip is to leave your sportswear at home. No hoodies, matching sweatshirts, white tennis shoes, and bright color windbreakers.

These types of "American" clothing are not seen outside of the home in Paris, so if you wear them you'll be sure to stand out.

The point is to dress your age and to dress nicely. If you do so, you will be received with better treatment in cafes, shops, and restaurants.

Scarves and accessories are a must. Don't pack a thousand outfits, but dress up each outfit with accessories like necklaces, earrings, and scarves. Scarves seem to be a rising trend here in the Americas, but they are very popular in that society.

Always remember to bring comfortable shoes because Paris is a city in which you will be walking a lot.

Tennis shoes are a sure sign for locals to point you out as an American tourist.

Some suggested types of shoes are flats, loafers, or

short-heeled boots that still allow for walking. Get yourself some Eccos, Mephistos, or Danskos and you'll be good to go.

Jeans are extremely popular amongst Americans and now it is becoming that way in Paris as well.

Jeans are seen everywhere. So much so that restaurants have lowered their dress code standards to allow people wearing jeans to come in.

However, the style of jeans in Paris is quite different than the style we know of here. No holes, people. Dark, skinny jeans worn with flats or stilettos are the norm.

The last tip is to not worry about your hair and makeup. America is such a materialistic country, where most people won't even leave their house with some form of

makeup on. In Paris, they are very "au natural."

Hairstyles tend to be more unstructured and air-dried. Hair is usually pulled back into casual buns or ponytails rather than being worn straight or elaborate like in the U.S.

Contrary to American women, French women are not flashy, says cosmetic creator Laura Mercier. "They must be subtle. The message must not be 'I'm spending hours on my face to look beautiful.'"

This means that you should focus more on your "inner beauty" and the beautiful sites of Paris instead of on your hair and makeup.

Keep these tips in mind, if you'll be overseas in France anytime soon, and you will definitely fit right in. Except, of course, if you don't know French.



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Westfield falls to Bridgewater in MASCAC Championship

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

A great season ended in disappointment on Saturday afternoon as Westfield State's women's basketball team fell at home to Bridgewater 47-42 in the MASCAC Championship game.

Westfield (21-6) had won 12 straight games heading into the Championship but struggled to find a rhythm offensively against the Bears.

The Owls shot just 29.8% from the field, 25.8% in first half, and made only one of 10 three-point attempts in the game. Sixteen turnovers on the afternoon also hurt Westfield.

Senior captain Ashley Finnegan had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds while sophomore Briana Kelly added nine points and five rebounds.

But it was Bridgewater senior guard Brittney Chappron who stole the show, scoring a game high 22 points including two late three-pointers and a mid range jumper to give the Bears the lead for good.

Chappron also hit two

clutch free throws to seal the win for Bridgewater.

It was a low scoring game from the opening tip as poor shooting and tough defense led to a 13-7 Bridgewater lead eight minutes into the game.

Westfield trailed 17-7 midway through the first half after having trouble against Bridgewater's tough man-to-man defense.

Tough defense of their own, better shooting and support from the loud home crowd helped Westfield get back into the game and the Owls made it a 17-16 game with 4:50 left in the first half.

Westfield trailed 24-22 after an ice cold first half that saw the two teams combine to shoot 30% from the field and commit 16 total turnovers.

A three-point play by senior captain Cassy Jouannet after she was fouled shooting a layup gave Westfield a 31-30 point lead and a huge momentum boost five minutes into the second half.

With ten minutes left in the half, sophomore Angela Patterson sent the crowd into a frenzy with a three-pointer that gave the Owls a 38-32 lead,



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Westfield State seniors Cassy Jouannet, left, and Ashley Finnegan were both named to the MASCAC women's basketball all-conference first-team.

their largest of the game.

Unfortunately for Westfield, the team would only score four more points in the last 10 minutes of the game and failed to make another three-point shot. The Owls' half court offense seemed out of sync and they struggled to find a consistent rhythm.

Back to back three-pointers by Chappron evened the game at 38 all with 7:16 left. Chappron came up clutch again, hitting a two-point jump shot to

give Bridgewater a 40-38 lead with less than four minutes to go.

Kelly tied the game up for the Owls with a layup with two and a half minutes left in the game, breaking a near eight minute scoring drought for Westfield.

But a Bridgewater three-point play on their very next possession after a layup and foul gave the Bears a 43-40 lead that they would not relinquish.

Westfield got within one after the Owls showed patience in the half court offense and Jouannet hit Finnegan on a great pass through traffic for a layup that made the score 43-42.

Things almost turned for the Owls when Janae Jones stole the ball from Chappron from behind with 50 seconds left in the game, but a turnover by Westfield on the ensuing possession gave the Bears the ball back and free throws sealed the Bridgewater win.

A desperation three-pointer with four seconds left did not fall for the Owls and the Bears left Woodward with a shocking MASCAC Championship.

During halftime of the game, it was announced that both Jouannet and Finnegan were named to the MASCAC women's basketball all-conference first-team while Kelly was named a second-team selection.

Head coach Andrea Bertini was named the MASCAC Turf Coach of the Year after leading the Owls to the MASCAC regular season title.

Andrew Morgan selected as MASCAC Rookie of the Year

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WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State University freshman Andrew Morgan (Somerset, N.J.) was tabbed as the 2010-2011 MASCAC men's basketball Rookie of the Year and sophomore center Matt Devine (Pembroke, Mass.) was a first-team all-conference selection.

Morgan (Somerset, N.J.) averaged 7.9 points, 3.3 assists and 1.3 steals

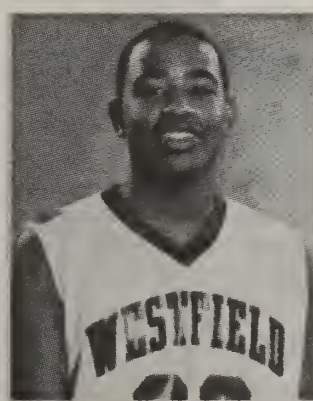
during his inaugural collegiate campaign.

The Owl point guard ranked fourth in the MASCAC in assists per game and second in free throw shooting (.819 percent, 86-105).

Devine - the 2009-2010 MASCAC Rookie of the Year - earned all-conference honors for the second straight season.

The 6-7 center led the Owls in scoring, averaging 13.3 points per game.

He ranked first in the MASCAC in blocked



shots (2.4) and second in rebounding (9.2).

Devine has 130 rejections in two seasons, just

nine shy of the school career record of 139 held by All-American Russell Thompson (1984-87).

Salem State University junior forward Brian Clark has been named as the 2010-11 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year and heads the league's all-conference squad in a vote taken of the conference's seven coaches.

A native of Deerfield, Mass., Clark averaged a league-leading 21 points per game while chipping in with

6.7 rebounds per contest during the regular season, as he led the Vikings to their second MASCAC regular season crown in three seasons with an overall mark of 19-6, including an 11-1 league slate.

Salem State University's Chris Harvey was honored by his peers as the 2010-11 MASCAC Turf Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons after leading the Vikings to 19 victories and their second regular season crown in the last three years.

Celtics send Perkins to Oklahoma City at trade deadline

Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

The 2011 NBA trade deadline saw several teams partake in moves that have the potential to alter the power structure within the league for years to come.

But while the New York metro owned the headlines of this year's trade deadline, the move that will possibly have the largest impact on the second half of the season was that of the Boston Celtics, who pulled off a stunner just hours prior to the deadline.

The Celtics traded center Kendrick Perkins, the blood and guts of arguably the league's toughest defense, along with reserve sparkplug Nate Robinson, to the Oklahoma City Thunder for center Nenad Krstic and forward Jeff Green,

Many experts are questioning the move in every aspect: timing, necessity, intelligence, etc. Why would you blow up a championship

mix midseason?

Celtics head coach Doc Rivers was quoted earlier this year as having said that the Celtics had never lost a playoff series when Allen, Rajon Rondo, Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Perkins had started every game.

Why pull the trigger on a move like this when no other contenders made any moves at all?

There had been rumblings about Perkins rejecting a contract offer from the Celtics, so perhaps general manager Danny Ainge felt that, rather than let Perkins walk in free agency, they could move him and attempt to get equal value at the deadline.

However, Perkins is not to be confused with Carmelo Anthony, a franchise player who held the Nuggets prisoners in their own home for several months as they were terrified the deadline would pass, leaving him to walk in the off-season with the Nuggets getting nothing.

Perkins is a blue collar

bruise whose value lies in his defense and rebounding. So common sense would say to let him finish the season in hopes the Celtics can win their 18th championship banner and persuade him to stay.

There are lots of opinions coming out of the Celtics locker room on this one. The big three of Allen, Garnett and Pierce were allegedly "livid" upon hearing the news.

Doc Rivers has been saying all the right things, but the consensus around the locker room is that it was a move that didn't need to be made and that perhaps now the Celtics biggest strength, chemistry, has been disturbed.

In sports, however, the best GMs are often the ones who make these difficult calls. When it comes to basketball, Danny Ainge has more knowledge in ring finger than I have in my whole body.

But when I heard about this trade, I must confess that it didn't make immediate sense to me. The only logical conclusion

I could make was that perhaps the Celtics know something that we don't.

After all, Perkins was severely injured in Game 6 of last year's NBA Finals, requiring off-season knee surgery which put him on the shelf for the majority of the first half of this season. And it has just been confirmed that Perkins will now miss 2-3 weeks with an MCL sprain, only furthering my suspicion.

If this is indeed the case, than the Celtics have pulled a fast one on OKC, trading a man who is basically damaged goods for two players who can be factors this year.

Krstic is going to have a hard time filling Perkins' shoes in the middle defensively, as he lacks the ornery personality and nasty physicality of the now ex-Celtics center.

However, Krstic is able to stretch the floor offensively and score a little with his back to the basket, so the Celtics have actually upgraded at the five offensively.

Green will back up Pierce at the three but has the capability to play both forward positions. Green also averaged 15 points per game this year for the Thunder while playing as the third option behind all-world forward Kevin Durant and guard Russell Westbrook.

However, at the end of the day, one thought kept popping up when I evaluated the trade. Did the Celtics not finish with the best record in the Eastern conference during the first half of the season?

Yes. How many games did Perkins play during that time? Not many (12 to be exact).

And with Perkins now on the bench again for the Thunder, perhaps this move will be what propels the Celtics on to a great second half, enabling them to get a top two seed in the playoffs.

Ainge, however, is taking a serious risk, for if the C's do not emerge from the finals with another banner, fingers will all point to this trade.

Trade deadline blockbusters alter balance of power in NBA

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

The big NBA trades have come to a close this season as the February 24th deadline has come and gone.

This year's trade deadline excitement was as unusual and surprising as ever, leaving fans waiting by their laptops and mobile devices to see what team would make the next big move.

In efforts to better their teams, club owners and general managers made a lot of moves, including failing organizations like the Cleveland Cavaliers and championship contenders like the Boston Celtics.

This year's trade

deadline moved the most players around the league in recent memory. If you don't believe me, here's a stat for you.

In the seven days leading up to the trade deadline, a little over 10 percent of NBA players were traded to a different team.

At first I couldn't believe the Celtics traded Perkins to the Thunder. I couldn't help but think what kind of trouble they would face when playing the Magic or Lakers in the postseason.

Following some time to sit on it, I don't think it was a terrible move. Perkins has had a lot of trouble with injuries and is always banged up.

Danny Ainge and the Celtics realize the other team in

the East other than themselves to beat is the Miami Heat. Their trade to acquire Jeff Green does exactly that, it helps them match up better with the Heat.

Plus they got rid of Nate Robinson's contract by shipping him off as well to Oklahoma City. It was expected anyway that the Celtics weren't going to offer Perkins the money he would have demanded after the end of his contract following this season.

I already covered the Carmelo Anthony drama in last week's issue so the next big trade I'm going to discuss is Deron Williams to the New Jersey Nets.

The Nets gave up Devin Harris and Derrick Favors to finally receive a

big name player they've been looking for.

The Clippers somehow agreed to send hometown veteran Baron Davis to the Cleveland Cavaliers for Mo Williams and Jamario Moon. Oh, and they also gave up their first round pick in the 2011 NBA draft.

Wait, what? Yes, my Cavaliers got away with a robbery just before the deadline as they have what is expected to be two top ten picks in this year's draft.

This puts the Cavaliers in a great position to stack up some serious young talent. Cleveland finally realized they can't wait for free agency to build their team, they need to get players through the draft

and trades.

Boston and Cleveland also got a deal done as Cleveland sent its 2013 second round pick to Boston for two rookies, power forward Luke Harangody and center Semih Erden.

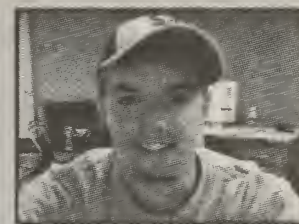
The Charlotte Bobcats traded small forward Gerald Wallace to the Portland Trail Blazers for Joel Przybilla, Dante Cunningham, Sean Marks, a conditional 2011 pick and a conditional 2013 first-round draft pick.

Overall, the trades in this article just touched the surface of the many transactions made before the deadline.

There were many more significant trades made that will benefit many teams in the short and long term.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



I flipped on the TV last Thursday around 3:00 p.m. to hear the latest NBA news regarding the trade deadline.

I expected to hear more analysis on the deal sending Carmelo to the Knicks and the surprising move by Utah sending Deron Williams to the Jazz.

More trades were sure to take place, but I didn't expect to hear the Celtics name being mentioned. When the Celtics name flashed across the screen I couldn't figure out what kind of blockbuster deal they would have made.

I knew that Nate Robinson and Marquis Daniels were rumored to be on their way out of town but would that be enough to constitute a blockbuster? I didn't think so.

Then I saw that the Celtics had traded Kendrick Perkins. I was speechless.

Now that I've able to digest the trade and really think about it, I've definitely warmed up to the deal. But when I first heard the trade I was shocked, mostly because I couldn't believe we had traded away our starting center.

I have to confess – I've never been a real Perk fan. I've gained respected for his game and liked him a little more each year, but watching him game in and game out for almost eight years was flat out frustrating.

How many missed layups, dropped passes, technical fouls and whining fits to referees do I have to witness?

I hate to admit it, but hearing everyone around me talk about how important Perk is to the team has definitely made me overrate his abilities.

The guy has a career average of 6.4 points and 6.0 rebounds and has never averaged 30 minutes per game in his career. Here come the angry tirades...

I know he is a great

defensive player and his value isn't based on any measurable stats. Well maybe that's true, but if the Celtics want to have any future after this season then you have to give Danny Ainge credit for the deal.

Perk wanted big money and with the injury concerns there was no way the Celtics were bringing him back. Getting Jeff Green give the C's a good young player who will bring energy off the bench and become a starter in a year or two.

With Rajon Rondo, Green and Big Baby, the Celtics will at least have some sort of viability after the current Big Three is retired.

The Celtics were having a great season before Perk came back. Despite injury concerns with the two O'Neals (who knows if Jermaine will ever play) the Celtics clearly have enough confidence in their interior players.

If Shaq gives you 20-24 minutes in the playoffs, the combination of Nenad Krstic, Jermaine and maybe Rasheed/Troy Murphy along with KG and Big Baby will be enough to provide a solid front line.

Let's not forget, when the Celtics won the NBA Championship in 2008 Perk averaged 18 minutes per game in the five Finals games he played in (missed game five with a shoulder injury).

It was 6-foot-8 James Posey closing out games for the C's at power forward with Garnett playing center.

Jeff Green is a better version of Posey. He's younger, taller, a better offensive player and gave L.A. fits with his outstanding defense in their first round playoff series last season.

Green is going to try to give Boston something they've been missing since 2008.

Two awful losses in the past month stick out to me as

the reason Perk was expendable – an 88-71 loss at Phoenix on January 28 and a 94-89 loss at Charlotte on February 7.

In the Phoenix loss, Perk got as many technical fouls as made field goals on his way to two points and four rebounds (no blocks) in 21 minutes. He came off the bench and was dominated by Marcin Gortat (also a reserve) who tallied 19 points and 17 rebounds.

Yeah, the same Marcin Gortat that used to ride the pine in the Orlando.

In the loss to Charlotte, Perk scored eight points and added seven rebounds in 35 minutes as a starter. While the numbers aren't awful, he was outrebounded by Kwame Brown and Nazr Mohammed a combined 17-7 (not to mention 16 rebounds for Gerald Wallace).

Perk just wasn't getting it done.

I know the guy just came back from a devastating knee injury, but if this is his last year with the Celtics – assuming there's no way the C's will overpay to resign him – why would you want an injured stiff (who's currently injured) for a few months over an athletic combo forward who will resurrect James Posey?

Don't worry Celtics fans, Ainge has some more moves up his sleeve and this team will be ready to go come playoff time.

To get away from basketball, the NFL Scouting Combine was held in Indianapolis last weekend. I hope – haven't gotten to point of praying quite yet but that will come soon – that this will not be the last time I see organized football workouts between now and next fall.

The CBA and looming blackout is a topic for another day (a day when there's no football being played) so I'll end this column by giving some

of my combine thoughts.

Alabama wide receiver Julio Jones looked amazing at the combine on Sunday. He's the number two wideout on the board behind A.J. Green and he's moved his way into early to mid first round consideration.

Jones stands at a towering 6-foot-4 and sent his stock soaring heading into the draft with an unbelievable combine workout.

After a great career at Alabama, I think Jones will be the real deal, not another first round wide receiver bust. The same can also definitely be said for Green.

The already muddy quarterback situation got a little muddier after Sunday's workouts. Top rated Blaine Gabbert (wait, have I actually ever seen him play before?) didn't throw but looked solid – not spectacular – in his workout.

I'm still not sure how he became #1 in a draft order that a month ago went Andrew Luck, Cam Newton, Ryan Mallet and Jake Locker. I guess when Luck decided to stay in

school people just did an even exchange, despite Gabbert not being half as talented as Luck.

Newton looked great in the drills but looked terrible throwing the ball. He has some work to do if he wants to be taken third by the Bills.

Locker had a great day for himself, finishing near the top in every individual drill and looking much more confident, comfortable and consistent throwing the football. I admit that I love Locker so I am biased, but if quarterback doesn't work out he'll always have a chance at wide receiver or tight end.

Mallet threw the ball the best of all the QBs – but people already knew he had the best arm in this class. It's his lack of athleticism and unavoidable character/leadership issues that would force me to take him off my draft board.

Well I'm out of room boys and girls but as always, thanks for reading. Send me your questions and comments to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com. Have a great week and just think – one more week until spring break!

Bruins may make playoffs

Stephen Felde
Voice Reporter

The Boston Bruins finished their road trip Tuesday night with a 1-0 win against the Ottawa Senators.

Nathan Horton netted the only goal of the game while Tuukka Rask managed to post his second shutout of the year.

It must be mentioned that this was no ordinary road trip for the Bruins as the team won all six of their games.

The last time they accomplished this was in 1972, when they won the Stanley Cup.

As the season dwindles down, the Bruins look like they are headed to make a strong push in the playoffs.

After a disappointing end to last season, Boston showed that they are determined to win by making a trade for defenseman Tomas Kaberle.

Currently the Bruins sit on top of their division in front of their rival Canadiens.

Having the third best record in the Eastern Conference, it appears that they will get a favorable seed in the playoffs.

Maybe this will finally be the year that we see Boston turn back into a hockey town.

Opinion: The Pistons are a disgrace to the league

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Like most people, when I was growing up I always wanted to become a professional athlete, whether it was in football, basketball or baseball.

Eventually I concluded that this dream was not going to become a reality.

So when I recently found out about the seven Detroit Pistons players who decided to "boycott" the morning shoot around before their game last Friday, I was flabbergasted.

Why in the world would individuals give up an opportunity that so many others would love to have?

According to reports, Detroit Pistons players Richard Hamilton, Ben Wallace, Tracey McGrady, Tayshaun Prince, Rodney Stucky, Chris Wilcox and Austin Daye all did not show up to the team's morning shoot around because of "excuses" that ranged from having a headache, to being ill or missing the bus.



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The Pistons players have been the subject of negative media attention as of late.

The players staged this so-called boycott in response to their disdain towards their head coach John Kuester, who most of the players feel is not a good coach and some of the players have had verbal confrontations with.

In response to the players not showing up to the shoot around, Kuester decided

to only play six players in a game against the Sixers on Friday night.

In that game, Kuester, who had family members in the stands since he is from the Philadelphia area, was thrown out of the game for arguing a call. After he was thrown out, you could easily McGrady and other players visibly laughing

at their coach. Once I saw this I was beyond frustrated.

All of us can say that we been in positions in which we did not like our employers, but no matter how much we dislike that individual we always showed up and did our job.

For the Pistons players to act in such a classless way is

inexcusable.

The players cannot stand the coach. They don't respect him because they don't believe he relates to players.

But no matter how you feel about him, you don't pull the kind of nonsense that they displayed on the bench in Philadelphia on Friday night.

It was embarrassing, humiliating. Don't these guys realize they are so lucky to be playing this great game?

If they don't want to play then I can guarantee there are 20 other guys who love to take their spot.

The sad thing about all of this is the fact that Prince, Wallace and Hamilton are the same guys that led the Pistons to five straight Eastern Conference championships and won a NBA Championship in which the team promoted team unity and togetherness.

But what we witnessed last week was very different from that team.

What we saw was a bunch of pre-Madonna who cared more about themselves than doing their job.



- Struggling with juggling school work & other commitments?
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Don't be afraid to go out and have a little fun with some friends. There will be any number of things that you'll be eager to discuss with them, and you ought to be able to have a really good time together.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
A few difficult issues are bound to really end up weighing on your mind. You should be coming up with some interesting new ideas by the end of the week though.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
You ought to be feeling pretty sociable, and you'll be really eager to get together and have a good chat with some old friends. And you may even end up making a few new friends by the end of the week.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
You won't be all that focused, and you'll be wishing that you could just get away from all your concerns for a while. But you should really try to do a little creative thinking about your professional life this week.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
A few financial issues are bound to end up weighing on your mind, and you'll undoubtedly have to take a little time to sort a few things out. You'll also feel like broadening your horizons a bit, and you really ought to try to enjoy some type of fun little adventure before the end of the week.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
Some relationship issues are bound to be popping up, and you'll end up having a few differences of opinion with those closest to you this week.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
Whatever you do, don't forget to take care of all your responsibilities at this time. Relationship matters will really be coming to the forefront, and you're bound to be in a particularly romantic frame of mind.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
Don't be surprised if you really feel like getting out and having a good time this week. Other people might not want to go along with all your plans and ideas though.

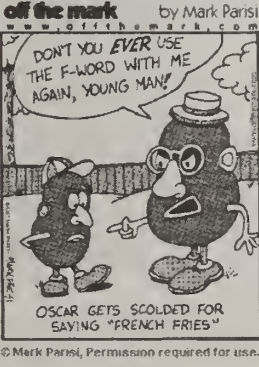
Scorpio
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Don't be afraid to let people know what you're really thinking. Your creative energies should really be peaking at this time, and you ought to make an effort to do something artistic if you can.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
Just see if you can avoid getting into too many disputes with those around you. You should end up having some interesting and enlightening conversations with your family.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
Just be ready to take the time to sort out any confusing financial situations while you can. If you're not careful, you could end up saying something that leads to some misunderstandings.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
If any difficult money matters have been weighing on your mind lately, you should really try to talk to someone you trust about things.

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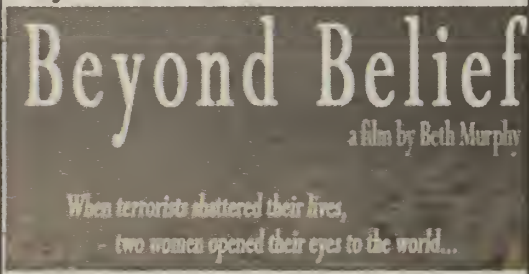
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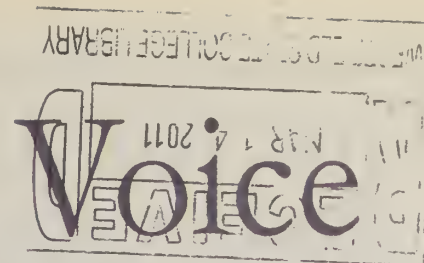
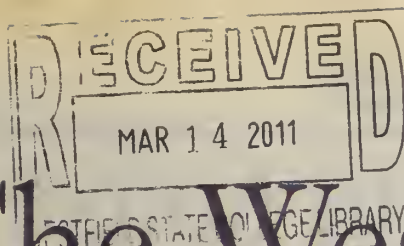
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Path to Graduation

Ashley Evers
Voice Reporter

You are a college senior. You think you are graduating on time when your advisor informs you that you've taken the wrong English class.

Now, with one semester remaining in your college career, you must cram extra classes into your schedule just to make up for lost time.

This is a familiar story to many current seniors at Westfield State University due to a lack of guidance, which is not entirely the advisors' fault.

A senior English major who wishes to remain anonymous said, "I was told to take British Literature, but unfortunately, I was not told which British Literature class was the requirement."

This student, after taking a summer course to catch up on her requirements, is now taking six classes, one of which is at Western New England College, three times a week.

Why is it that seniors are forced to play catch-up when for three years they believed they were on the right track? According

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Photo by Voice Staff

Staceyann Chin read her poetry to Westfield State students last Wednesday night. For more on this topic, see "Powerful and thought-provoking" on page 8.

Communication core changes

Kris Duplisea
Voice Reporter

Recently, Westfield State University's newly renovated Communication Department is able to add a new class to their core.

The new class to be added to students majoring in Communication will be Multimedia Journalism.

This course teaches students on all the ways that journalists nowadays can relate news to their respective audiences.

Professor Henry Wefing, who teaches Multimedia Journalism, believes that the addition to the core is great.

"It will increase students' exposure to global perspectives and to technology," he said.

The industry is gradually moving towards a new age where the audience looks to get their news in many different mediums like pictures, videos, podcasts, and blogs. This class helps the students prepare for those formats.

Could these changes encourage incoming students to join the Communication department? Professor Wefing thinks that it can.

Only time will tell if whether or not these changes will draw in new students.

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Tips for a successful housing sign up

Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

It's that time of year again. No, not Christmas. Housing sign ups.

Sure, it's exciting. It's fun to find out where you're going to be next year. But man is it stressful!

First, you have to worry about whether or not your housing deposit was turned in on time so that you can even live on campus.

Then you have to bring up the awkward question: "are we rooming together next year?" to your roommates and friends.

If you are a freshman who was thrown together with a random roommate and this question has not come up before, it is the hardest thing to bring up.

Perhaps worse than bringing up the question is explaining the answer. If you have already planned to room with your friends and your current roommate doesn't know, bring it up sooner rather than later.

He or she may need time to find another roommate; and it's not fair to wait last minute to let the roommate know.

Figure it out early, and most importantly, stick to what you say. Telling one person you will room together

and then changing your mind later is not only rude, it ruins friendships and trust.

If you both agree not to room together after all, that's fine, because you should not get stuck in something you really don't want to be in. Just be sure before you give any definitive answers.

I would also not recommend rooming with your best friend. Sure, it may seem like an awesome idea right now, but rooming with someone you know really well often brings up things that would otherwise never come to light.

You might discover that he or she snores, or has a nasty little habit that you really can't stand.

There are always exceptions to the rules though: some people who room with their best friends are more than content in the situation.

Do your research, too. Each dormitory on campus has different advantages and disadvantages. Courtney Hall may always have something going on, but it is also very loud and has a lot of charges.

New Hall may seem ideal with its air conditioning, but remember that the fire alarms there can be temperamental.

Scanlon Hall might have the biggest rooms, but some



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Courtney Hall (left) and New Hall (back) are two of the on-campus living options for housing at WSU.

of the equipment and furniture in the rooms is a bit older.

The other apartments on campus are slightly cheaper and easier to get into, but they are far away from the academic buildings.

Lammers Hall may have a kitchen on every floor, but the main common area is not separate from the lobby and makes for a loud game of pool.

Landsdowne Place may have apartments for fewer people and are easier to get, but you'll have to pay for gas to drive back and forth from campus.

Take a look around some of the buildings you are considering and talk to

residents of those halls about the features of that living space they like and don't like.

Weigh what you are willing to give up in order to get the things you really want.

Always have a backup plan. If you and your friends don't get into an apartment, figure out how you are going to break up into doubles or triples and which building you want to live in. If you don't get the hall you want, pick one for your second choice.

Of course, most of the time things work themselves out. If you paid your deposit on time, you are guaranteed on-campus housing.

Even if you can't find a roommate, you can go into random rooming. Many students have met great people through the random draw, and they roomed with them for years afterwards.

Also, Residential Life hosts roommate meet and greets for people needing a roommate.

When the process is over and the residence hall and roommate(s) are all set, all that's left is the waiting game.

Be sure to consider what rules you all want to have (lights out at 12, quiet study hours on Sundays, trash duties, etc.) as well as what you all want to get or find for your rooms.

I would strongly suggest not buying anything until you move into your room or during the first week of the school year. You don't want to be stuck with something that doesn't fit. Amazon and Craigslist are great places to find cheap, cool things for your room.

Most of all, remember to relax. College is supposed to be a great time. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Things might not always go your way, but understand that the university and staff are trying as hard as possible for it to work out well for you.

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Marge Piercy:

A night of heartfelt poetry at WSU

Sam Ziegler
Voice Reporter

A night with Marge Piercy is a night lost between generations.

When Piercy visited campus last Thursday, March 3, 2011, for a night of poetry reading, her words showed a gap between the generations that filled the audience.

Piercy, a writer of over a dozen novels and books of poetry, has been writing and sharing her words and creations for longer than some of her audience members have been alive.

Her words and imagery have filled the ears and minds of people concerning the hardships and deteriorated values women faced and a call for change.

As Piercy started to read her first poem of the

night, "To Be of Use," in Scanlon Living Room the audience was quiet with all eyes and attention focused ahead.

By the end of Piercy's second reading, "What are Big Girls Made of," a generation gap starts to form in the audience.

Piercy's poetry can be understood or appreciated by anyone, as did her audience members, or at least the elder generation of audience members.

By the end of the fourth poem, "A Day in the Life," a clear gap in understanding and interest had started to show between the older and younger generations at the reading.

As the elders shared understanding laughs and gave their full attention towards the front of the room, the students and younger generation started to look aimless-

ly around the room with perplexed and indifferent stares.

It was a night of seemingly inside jokes as students politely snuck out of the room, or shared blank stares at hardships and trials faced which, could not be fully understood or appreciated by a generation filled with Facebook, MTV and cell phones.

One of Westfield's very own students Marissa Yourell, who was in attendance for Piercy's reading, said, "It was funny, but I wasn't laughing out loud. The older generation was definitely laughing more."

Whether one was more "in the loop" or understanding of the time and influence of Piercy's poetry, all members of the audience were treated to a night of strong, heartfelt, and engaging poetry from Marge Piercy.

Degree audit: a helpful graduation tool

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to Westfield State University Registrar John Ohotnick, problems with registration have always been an issue for seniors.

"I believe students should be able to change their advisor to someone in their field," Ohotnick suggested and added that "students also have to be more flexible with time."

As of Fall 2010, a new resource was created to help students stay on track.

"The new degree audit system makes a world of difference," says Ohotnick.

The tool is designed

to help students understand the requirements they need to fulfill and keep track of their progress.

The degree evaluation tool breaks down students' schedules into general requirements, major requirements, as well as concentration requirements and minor requirements.

As the student completes these classes, they are checked off on the evaluation. For classes that still need to be filled, classes that will fill that requirement are listed.

On the "myWestfield" portal, students can go to the academics page, click "Degree Evaluation" and

see what may be missing for graduation requirements.

The goal is to give students a way to keep track of their schedules at all times, not just through meetings with their advisors.

Soon-to-be seniors, this one is for you.

Don't be in the audience on graduation day because of mistakes that could be avoided.

Checking your degree evaluation and discussing any missing requirements with an advisor may be a little extra work, but at least it won't be enough work to fill an extra semester.

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Student Spotlight



Name: Andrew Call
Hometown: Harwich
Major: Communication/Media Arts

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

I hope to become a sports broadcaster or a baseball analyst. However, I have been told I make a good therapist!

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
Beer on the Table by Josh Thompson

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner who would they be, and what might likely be the topic of conversation?

Trot Nixon, George Carlin and Leslie Nielsen. In my own opinion, they were the best at what they did, so the conversation would be along the lines of what motivated them.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Hang out with friends and watch movies or play video games

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?
The most memorable for me was getting a call close to midnight in late January from my mother telling me that my first nephew had just been born and that I was an Uncle!

Lucky Number?
27

If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The Proud Conservative

Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

The time of massive change is rapidly approaching this country, and the people better be ready to acknowledge what can happen, or else all bets are off.

The unrest coming to life in the world today, mostly the Middle East, is just the tip of the iceberg... a small sign of things to come.

You might say, "well that's the Middle East, way over there, why should I worry about it?" Well, the sad fact is the instigators that are causing unrest in the Middle East are already making inroads into the United States.

We currently have members of the Obama cabinet who are sympathetic to Sharia law. There are many apologists for the U.S. backing of Israel. How is this happening, you say?

Many say that it began way back in 1979 when that "take no nonsense, tough guy" president Jimmy Carter was in office.

Ayatollah Khomeini had just returned from exile in France, and began plans to overthrow the Shah. It's a fact that the Shah had human rights abuses on his record, and something needed to be done, but Carter's words were, "Let the youthful protesters be served."

He had no clue how to re-act, and look what has happened. After Khomeini died, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad illegally got himself elected, and ever since has proclaimed that his main goal is to bring down the United States in any manner feasible.

Here is a guy who has stood face to face with Obama and said to prepare for annihilation. Obama laughs it off as propaganda. Ahmadinejad continually states how he is going to accomplish this goal.



Photo by im.in.com

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is the sixth and current president of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

First he stated that he would wipe Israel off the face of the map.

He says he will accomplish that task by overthrowing every country in the Middle East who sides with America/ Israel. Starting to sound familiar?

He has named the countries he and his backers are going to start protests leading to revolution and eventual overthrow.

Within the past few years he listed Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia, Yemen, and last but not least, Egypt. Let's see, what's in the news lately, Egypt, you say? Why, who would have thought that?

The Muslim brotherhood is waiting in the wings to assume power. No more protests, no more rights, and a Sharia government installed.

Next they focused on Bahrain, which just happens to be the location of the U.S. seventh Fleet. Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia and Yemen, all had violent protests suddenly take place within the past few months. Co-incidence? I don't think so. Ahmadinejad almost every day

states that he is working his way to the United States, where he has not been taken seriously by the Obama administration.

In response to the revolution in Egypt and Libya, Obama has praised "the youthful movement and the will of the people." Now where have we heard that before? Maybe Jimmy Carter in 1979? Look where that has gotten us.

People have been taking the American way of life for granted for too long, and if people don't start believing that it could happen here, it just might.

Protests in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, with more to come, have been organized with a seemingly legitimate reason.

Try to notice the "union sympathizers" all of a sudden appearing carrying Red Flags. These are the same red flags appearing at protests in India, Egypt, Libya, and elsewhere.

These are a product of supposed labor unions, which are actually associated and connected to radical Islamic groups. They say it all will start with protests in the street. What do you see happening out there? Think about it.

Editor's Desk



Bonjour le monde !

Oui, je parle en français, et oui je le fais tous de ma propre connaissance ! Peut-être.

Je ne peux pas attendre absolument d'être à Paris. Je veux m'asseoir dans un petits café et un café de boisson et mange un croissant.

Nous avons rencontré avec le Président aujourd'hui et il nous a dit quelques choses assez scandaleuses ...just blague. Il nous a dit d'avoir une explosion. Et nous faisons !

Vous espérer tous ont une grande coupure et nous serons de retour la semaine suivante avec une édition à thème internationale !

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The Angry Liberal

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Islamophobia is exactly what this is. U.S. Representative Peter King, the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, will hold hearings on the "radicalization of Muslim Americans."

According to Representative King, "we're talking about al Qaeda. There's been self radicalization going on within the Muslim community, within a very small minority, but it's there and that's where the threat is coming from at this time." Care to cite your sources, Mr. King?

Among the financial issues, fierce debate about unions, and uncertain foreign conflicts in recent weeks, Representative King somehow found the time to make plans to conduct hearings about this perceived "threat."

Would the disclosure of that information be a threat to "national security"?

Mr. King has been no friend to Muslim Americans, even declaring in 2004 in an interview with Sean Hannity that "80-85 percent of mosques

in this country are controlled by Islamic fundamentalists." Again, Mr. King failed to cite his sources.

U.S. Representative Keith Ellison, the first Muslim elected to the U.S. Congress, said he would testify in the King hearings to "be involved in the conversation," and to "offer an alternative view."

Mr. Ellison, however, does not agree with the premise of the hearings because "to say we're going to investigate a religious minority, and a particular one, I think is the wrong course of action to take."

No doubt, there has been outrage over these hearings, like last Sunday's protests in New York to rally against this hearing.

But more Americans should be concerned, just as Sunday's protesters were, that these congressional hearings would categorize all American Muslims in the extreme group that is seen as the enemy.

The 9/11 terrorists, who attacked the U.S. almost ten years ago, were Muslim extremists.

But not all terrorists are Muslim nor

are all Muslims terrorists.

The second deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. after the 9/11 attacks is the 1995 Oklahoma City bombings, perpetrated by an American and a sympathizer of the militia movement in the U.S.

This man, Timothy McVeigh, was obsessed with Second Amendment rights and the belief that American government was a big threat to liberty. Many Americans have similar views and some do border on extremism.

As Representative Ellison said, this hearing cannot promote Islamophobia because the terrorists will "stand up and claim ...we told you, America is at war with Islam."

That's one of their main recruiting arguments." American lawmakers need to work with the Muslim community and treat its members as members of any other religious group or organization in the United States.

Resolution and solutions do not result from divisions and intolerance. Peace is bred through tolerance, respect, fairness and equality, not through hatred, bigotry, and ignorance.

Editor's Desk



Bonjour!

Yup, that's the extent of my French. Probably not good since tomorrow afternoon we will be on a plane to PARIS. I'll have to brush up.

Don't let Samantha fool you though, she used a translator for all her French. Too bad I don't have one of those hand-held ones to bring with me so if someone talks to me I don't accidentally tell them I have a deadly disease or something. Oh well, we'll see how THAT goes!

But on a serious note, I am SERIOUSLY SO EXCITED! I will be doing my Editor's Desk all in French when we return just to show off my newly gained French skills even though it will probably still just be Bonjour unfortunately...

Have a wonderful Spring Break everyone!!

Alex Myers, Editor-in-Chief

A senior reflection before heading into "real world"

Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

When I sit around the kitchen table with my roommates, whether we are playing Rummy or eating delicious lemon pepper chicken made by our personal chef, roommate Courtnie, we always pose one question: what are we going to do after college?

May 21, 2011 is approaching faster than most of us think and before we know it, Westfield State University will be a thing of the past. It is a hard concept to think about, but it is the reality.

Senior Kelsey Donovan, a communications major, and myself plan to stay in our hometowns and live off our parents' income for some time.

I am an English major with a concentration in Writing. Once I graduate, I plan to work at Lahey Clinic with my mother in the billing department. Come August I am applying to Teach for America and hope I get an awesome teaching job in an urban area.

Kelsey and I both plan to eventually go to graduate school.

Seniors Rene Robinson and Courtnie Quinlan have a

different outlook on life.

Rene plans to save her money and move with her hometown best friend to California. She hopes that her friend's family connections will get them decent jobs to start while they explore the career options along the Western Coast.

Courtnie has many options, whether it be moving to Texas with her brother, living abroad in London with her sister, or staying in Jamaica after her sister's May wedding. All the roommates know is that Courtnie plans to travel somewhere wonderful in the near future.

We get along great as roommates and will always be good friends, but as our last day approaches faster than we realize, we all seem to see that our paths are destined to separate. We will, of course, always stay in touch because that is just how we are.

Through our college experience we all have met amazing friends, faculty, and professors.

We have taken our fair share of absolutely horrible courses and courses that have changed our lives. Some of us have studied abroad and some of us have found home at Westfield

State for a week over the summer. From 2007 to 2011, we have learned a lot about ourselves and where we want to be in ten years.

So when you find yourselves sitting at the kitchen table asking each other what you are going to do after college, don't worry if your friends decide to explore the world and you stay home.

Just think- you'll have a free vacation planned, minus the cost of a flight.

But do always remember as May 21, 2011 approaches, "true friendship continues to grow over the longest distance."

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Johnny Knoxville – Born March 11, 1971



Born Philip John Clapp, he was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. At the age of twenty-four he married Melanie Lynn Clapp and together they

have a daughter Madison, whose voice can be heard in the credits for "Jackass Number Two." The two were divorced in 2009 and on September 24, 2010 he married Naomi Nelson. Together they have a son named Rocko. He took up the stage name Johnny Knoxville and is best known for his creation of the MTV reality show Jackass, in which he also stars. The show is about stunts and pranks, featuring people who perform dangerous, painful,

crude, and disgusting pranks. The show's idea first came about when Knoxville, who at the time was struggling as an actor and turned to writing, decided to test different self-defense devices on himself as the basis of an article. An editor for Big Brother Magazine hired him to film himself being hit with a taser, sprayed with mace, and even shot in the chest while wearing a bullet-proof vest. Since then, three Jackass movies have been made.

Kitty Genovese– Died March 13, 1964



Born Catherine Susan Genovese but commonly known as Kitty, she was born in New York City, the oldest of five siblings. She didn't attend college,

but she graduated from Prospects Heights High School in Brooklyn when she was nineteen years old. In 1964 she was working as a bar manager at Ev's Eleventh Hour Sports Bar in Queens. She shared an apartment with her girlfriend, Mary Ann Zielonko and was on her way home on March 13th. It was 3:15 a.m. on the parking lot of her apartment building when she was approached by Winston Moseley who immediately overtook her and

stabbed her twice in the back. Kitty screamed and was heard by her neighbors, but none of them recognized her cries as an emergency. Moseley left and Kitty made her way into the building, only to have him return and stab her several more times. Right in the hallway, while she lay dying, Moseley raped her and stole \$49 from her purse, the attacks taking longer than a half an hour. Out of 38 witnesses, none of them called the police until it was too late.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Book review: Watchmen

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

I had the pleasure of reading "Watchmen," the graphic novel written by Alan Moore with the art by Dave Gibbons, this past week. It is by far the best comic or graphic novel I have ever read. Once I picked it up, I had to finish it as soon as I possibly could.

The story itself is captivating. In an alternate history, the world is on the brink of atomic war in which superheroes emerged and were outlawed. The story begins with a hero known as Rorschach investigating the murder of another known as The Comedian.

Each of the characters is meant have a degree of realism to them. They are not the standard flawless superheroes you see in your everyday comic

books. This adds something to "Watchmen" that I've yet to find anywhere else in the medium. Every character has their own worldview, which you see in their speech, actions, and in some cases even the artwork.

Dave Gibbons completed a masterpiece with the artwork in "Watchmen." There are so many small details and patterns you will miss in the first read through the book that you will want to read it a second time.

The designs are all amazing (and at times creepy), and the general shading of some panels creates an effect that most of the time you do not even realize.

You have probably already heard great reviews about this book, and have probably already heard people telling you to get and read this book. This is another person telling you to do that.

10 out of 10.

Nick Hornby's "High Fidelity" - Love, Loss, and Vinyl

Jessica Thelen
Book Review

I am normally weary of popular fiction writers, but I decided to take a good friend's suggestion to give Nick Hornby's first novel, "High Fidelity," a try.

It was different than something I would normally read, but I was glad that read it. The main character of the novel, Rob Flemming, owns a small record store, called Championship Vinyl. The novel takes place in London and starts with Rob listing his most memorable split-ups in chronological order.

We find out that his long-term girlfriend, Laura, has just left him. Jaded and hurt, Rob doesn't include her on the list, saying that she doesn't deserve to be on it. Rob tries to convince himself that Laura didn't hurt

him enough to deserve a spot on the list, but it is easy to see how much this break-up has hurt him.

After the breakup, Rob realizes that he is a thirty-something, average looking man that owns a small record store that doesn't do much business and has nothing going for him. This makes Rob depressed and upset.

When he is depressed, Rob reorganizes his record collection. People who collect and listen to vinyl know that this can become tedious as your collection grows.

Rob's only friends are the two men that work at his record store. They share a love of music and are "music snobs." They all try to out-do each other by making Top Five lists that attempt to show their musical knowledge and superior musical taste.

Despite all of the music

mentioned, the real focus of the novel is Rob's relationships with his family, friends, women, and himself.

After his break-up, Rob goes through periods of rigorous self-examination, concluding that he has to change if he is ever going to get anywhere in life.

He realizes that he has to right the wrongs that he has committed in his relationships with others, in particular women he has dated and his parents. These instances provide both comic relief and drama.

Despite this being something I wouldn't normally read, I found myself enjoying "High Fidelity" every step of the way.

As I kept reading the book I started to like it more and more. I am now going to read more of Nick Hornby's books, and I suggest you pick one up as well.

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Lady Gaga - Born This Way
2. Cee Lo Green - Forget You
3. Bruno Mars - Grenade
4. Pink - F**kin' Perfect
5. Rihanna - S&M
6. Katy Perry - Firework
7. Enrique Iglesias ft. Ludacris & DJ Frank E - Tonight (I'm Lovin' You)
8. Katy Perry ft. Kanye West - E.T.
9. Jennifer Lopez ft. Pitbull - On The Floor
10. Dr. Dre ft. Eminem & Skylar Grey - I Need A Doctor

Top Movies

1. Rango
2. The Adjustment Bureau
3. Beastly
4. Hall Pass
5. Gnomeo and Juliet

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. The Fighter
2. Hereafter
3. The Switch
4. Waste Land
5. A Shine of Rainbows

Top Albums

1. Adele - 21
2. Justin Bieber - Never Say Never
3. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More
4. Justin Bieber - My World 2.0
5. Bruno Mars - Doo-wops & Hooligans
6. Eminem - Recovery
7. Rihanna - Loud
8. Nicki Minaj - Pink Friday
9. Need You Now - Lady Antebellum

"The Real World" heads back to Las Vegas

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

"The Real World," the one show that can really say that it is the first reality TV show. This once great show told the lives of seven strangers as they lived together. It used to have such a cool premise.

Yet now most loyal viewers of the show, now in its 25th season, can easily pinpoint where this show went from a great idea about people learning about others, to random hookups and fights. That change happened when the show came to Las Vegas in 2002.

This show used to be a show where cast mates discussed issues like race, substance abuse, and other real issues, but now viewers get to witness young people in their twenties act like complete idiots as they embarrass themselves on national TV.

When "The Real World" started, it was relevant, and now it's not. It's the same thing over and over again.

It's sex and drinking

and fighting and other things like that. Nevertheless, that has been standard operating procedure for "The Real World" ever since 2002, when the show first rolled into Vegas and went right off the rails.

However, after watching a preview of the first episode online all I really wanted to do was simply remind these people that this "real world" is not in fact the real world at all.

In the real world, no twenty-something year old is able to live in a tricked-out penthouse at the Hard Rock, given access to an apparently limitless supply of booze, and finally be followed around by a camera crew that guarantees that any outsider who shows even the slightest bit of interest will be able to see you on TV.

In addition, no "Real World" house would be complete without such staples as a pool table, a fish tank, and a "confessional" room.

Also, just to make more people jealous of the cast mates, they get a single-lane bowling alley and a bathroom that is like the one at the Hard

Rock's Vanity nightclub.

Now don't get me wrong, I love watching this train wreck. In a way, it makes me feel better about myself, and that is why I cannot wait for Wednesday as "The Real World: Las Vegas" premieres at 10.

However, the main reason I watch the show is because of the makeup of the cast itself. As always, this season's seven-member lineup arrives with different hometowns, backgrounds, and baggage, representing a spectrum of beliefs and behaviors designed to provoke maximum conflict and/or contact, and because of these factors, it creates the drama that viewers love to watch.

Here is a brief breakdown of this season's cast mates according to MTV.com:

Adam- A 22 year old from Portland, Maine, who at age 16 got caught in a drug robbery and as a result spent the next three years in a juvenile detention center.

But while there he took control of his life and was able to graduate from the University

of Southern Maine.

Dustin- A 24 year old from Louisiana is a charmer but is holding onto a huge secret!

Heather- A 21 year old from New Jersey was a big time party animal and at age 14 was hospitalized with alcohol poisoning. She has now gotten her life back on track.

Leroy- A 25 year old from Michigan, who was raised by foster parents and put school on hold while he tried to support himself financially.

Michael- A 23 year old from Maryland, and someone who has been forced to grow up fast and play head of the house to his seven siblings because of his parents troubled past, as they were drug users and spent time in jail.

Nany- A 21 year old from New York, who is in a serious six-year relationship, and has never been away from him.

Naomi- A 22 year old from New York who comes from a rough community but has been able to stay focused and determined to live a good life.

Top Tips for Career Planning

By Michael Pugh; <http://www.fast-web.com/college-jobs-internships/articles/145-top-ten-tips-for-career-planning>
Take a variety of different classes. Don't pigeonhole yourself into one tight line of study. Branch out and take a good look around to see what interests you.

Complete a few self-assessment tests. Self-assessment tests can tell you a lot about yourself and may help you match your skills and interests with possible careers.

Develop a career inventory. What kind of organization do you want to work for? What type of environment do you prefer? How much travel do you want to do? What kind of work schedule do you prefer? Think it through on your own, or take

a career and interest assessment.

Research different careers. Browse the Bureau of Labor Statistics home page for detailed descriptions of different careers and statistics about the fastest growing fields.

Use your college's career center. Research materials, useful lectures, alumni contacts, self-assessment tests, interview workshops and the latest resume and career development software await you.

Do some volunteer work Explore possible career tracks and build a strong networking base through volunteer activities. Volunteering teaches you about yourself and your world while preparing you for the future and connecting you to your community.

Network. Meeting people who work in your prospective field can give you valuable insight into what life is like in that career. Gather information by gathering contacts.

Find a mentor. Part coach, part motivator, the mentor works as a guide from within the context of the work environment. The perfect mentor is someone who works well with you and who has the experience and success you seek.

Arrange some informational interviews. There's no better way to get a feel for a certain career than talking to professionals in the field. Find them through your college's career center, your school's alumni association, job fairs and professional organizations.

MTG's The Wedding Singer a hit with audience



Matt Jordin
Voice Reporter

MTG's performance of *The Wedding Singer* was a hit with everyone who saw it.

The cast was put together perfectly, the show progressively got better every time the lights went down, and the hilarious opening message went over the speakers.

MTG was challenged this semester when they were not able to use Dever.

The gracious staff at the Juniper Park School allowed the club to use their auditorium, which has a style that forces the characters off the stage and on to the level of the crowd.

This made the show very entertaining, and made the audience feel like they were a part of the show.

When a character taps you and says "isn't that boy over there cute," you are literally pulled into the show.

This was one of the best aspects of the show, and if the show had been done in Dever this would not have been possible.

It is very difficult for directors, musical directors, and choreographers to find a cast that literally became their characters, but the production staff of this show hit the nail on the head with this show.

Chris Holmes was flawless as Robbie Heart. He



Photo by Craig Stevenson

had audience members in tears when he and Kerry Turok sang "If I Told You." Kerry Turok, who played Julia, was in her first show with MTG.

She blew the audience away with her very distinct voice that left audience members in awe.

Becca Cloyes was outstanding in her last role as a member of MTG as Holly, Julia's less innocent cousin.

Her vocals and dancing combined with her ability to act made her a definition of a triple threat.

Dan Monopoli stood out as Glenn Guglia, Julia's fiancé. His comedic timing and ability to play a jerk made the character come to life.

Two crowd favorites were Tyrell Pyatt as George and Jenn McQuillan as Robbie's grandma, Rose.

These two characters were the "partners in crime" of the show. Their mannerisms made the characters two of the funniest in the show.

The entire play was filled

with comedy. The audience was in stitches for most of the show.

Possibly the funniest part of the show was the wedding where Robbie is drunk and sings "Casualty of Love."

The table 9 losers were a crowd pleaser. Katie Monopoli, Tyler Cavanagh, and Libby Boland had three of the most ridiculous characters in the play.

Their lines and dance moves made this part of the show hilarious.

The show was a spectacle that you had to see to believe, and a big contributor to this statement were the dances put together by Katie Monopoli and Libby Boland.

The dancers were in unison and the moves were intricate, making the show aesthetically pleasing.

The only bad part of the show is that it had to come to an end. MTG should be proud of their performance, and we are waiting to see what next semester's show will do to top "The Wedding Singer."

Staceyann Chin: Powerful and thought-provoking

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

How can one describe Staceyann Chin? Entertaining? Funny? Controversial? Powerful? Awesome? All of those describe her, but in order to appreciate the gift that Staceyann Chin has, one has to see her perform her thought-provoking and stirring poetry.

Ms. Chin, an out, spoken-word poet and activist, came to Westfield State last week and surprised, shocked, and enthralled the whole audience. She performed her amazing poetry and read excerpts from

Ms. Chin explored different themes from the memoir and in the poems, slipping into a stronger Jamaican accent at different times during the performance. Ms. Chin shouted out some of her poems and others she read softly. Although many of her poems touched on serious, heartbreaking or difficult themes, she included poetry that made the audience laugh and giggle.

Staceyann Chin openly shared her life story and her struggles both in talking about her poems and performing them. There was no censoring, some swearing, and even mention of taboo topics like menstruation,



Photo by Voice Staff

her memoir, *The Other Side of Paradise*, which detailed vivid memories from her childhood days growing up in Jamaica.

Some of the excerpts she read were sad and heart-breaking, others were entertaining, and all were unforgettable. Ms. Chin entertained the crowd with the transcript of correspondence between her younger self and an admirer and also shared accounts of her struggles to avoid the unwanted advances of a man living in her aunt's house.

lesbian sex, and orgasms.

At this performance, she was open and honest and never held back from expressing herself.

Ms. Chin is an activist and a lesbian, but her poetry and her memoir included personal anecdotes and lessons that people from all backgrounds can relate to and appreciate. Ms. Chin's life and work demonstrate how self-empowerment through expression, language, and spoken words can change one's life.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor



If Christmas gets decorated pine trees full of bright shiny ornaments, than the third week of March deserves a forest full of trees that are full of lights and tinsels. That's because the best (three-week) holiday of the year begins next week: March Madness.

For non-sports fans this may sound like some sort of disease contracted during the month of March or the feeling students get after studying for midterms.

But since I assume you're only reading this if you know a little something about sports, you might also agree with me when I say March Madness is the best sporting event of the year.

In my opinion it's not even close. Three weeks of buzzer beaters, nail biters and thrilling upsets. What can beat that?

College basketball is already an emotionally charged sport (especially in comparison to say, the NBA) so it's easy to see how putting 65... I mean 68... of the country's best teams into a single elimination, winner takes all tournament becomes a ridiculously exciting event.

There's just something special about the bracket.

Being a college basketball fan my whole life, it's hard to explain my love of March Madness to someone who has never gotten into it.

I guess you could equate my feelings on the tournament to those of a young child opening his first present on Christmas morning. It's pretty special.

Filling out your bracket and joining pools (groups of people who put their brackets together and wager a certain amount of money) with family,

friends and co-workers in only the beginning of the fun.

The first two full days of games, Thursday and Friday, are what I would consider the best two days of the year.

No other two days contain the number of upsets. Remember Bucknell over Kansas in 2005? That killed my brother's bracket.

How about Vermont sinking Syracuse in the same year? That ruined my bracket. VCU over Duke in 2007 anyone? I love Eric Maynor.

The first round is also the place where teams like George Mason in 2006 and Davidson in 2008 first got the nation's attention on their historic runs.

There are always going to be some crazy upsets. Even when Cinderella team might completely ruin my bracket – like Vermont and George Mason – I embrace them and even root for them. Because that's what March Madness is all about.

While I of course want to get every single pick in my bracket correct (good one!) if Kent State or Princeton is on the verge of beating Texas, you better believe I'll be pulling hard for the upset, even if Texas

is in my Final Four.

March Madness is the time for the underdogs to shine. It's the place where teams you've never heard of make a name for themselves (like Butler did a decade ago).

When teams who have never played on national TV will be seen by millions of anxious viewers. Where stars like Stephen Curry and Eric Maynor become household names.

It's pretty special.

With no paper coming out next week I won't be able to share my predictions with you for this year. I've put my picks in print before people to see (and be amazed or ridicule me for).

I had Davidson going to the Elite Eight a few years ago and Cleveland State upsetting Wake Forest in the first round back in 2009. I had seen those teams play before and knew they were good.

I've also picked many upsets that have made me look foolish. Like taking Albany to go to the Sweet Sixteen in 2007 – don't mock me, I love Jamar Wilson! – when they lost in the first round to Virginia.

For the upsets you take

that make you look brilliant, you'll have your share of picks that make you look like a clown.

Without the bracket in front of me, it's tough to make my picks or choose any upsets without knowing the matchups.

I can say that I like Notre Dame and Duke as two final four teams. I love Jimmer Fredette and BYU but it's not going to be easy now.

Ohio State and Purdue have Final Four potential but I don't like Kansas or Texas.

St. Johns and West Virginia should be fun to watch and Syracuse, UConn and Pittsburgh are all teams that could reach the Final Four.

I don't trust North Carolina or Kentucky and even Villanova for that matter (although I'll always root for them).

Maybe Kansas State and Butler will get things figured out by the time the first games begin.

If VCU wins the Colonial tournament, they could make some noise in the Big Dance. I think George Mason and Old Dominion could represent the CAA as well and pull off some first round upsets.

Besides those teams, Saint Mary's and Oakland are two teams I think could pull off a couple upsets and reach the Sweet Sixteen if the matchups are favorable.

To shift gears before I end, I love the way the Celtics are playing and they've clearly show that they're the best team in the East, especially when healthy.

Is it wrong that I'm getting so much enjoyment out of seeing the Heat lost four in a row and apparently cry in the locker room after the game against Chicago... nah, I don't think so.

Miami is still struggling to find its identity and I'm not sure (neither are they) who takes the last shot in clutch situations – something they've struggled with all year.

I think the NFL lockout situation has been played out enough in the media so I'm not discussing it this week. If you want to read about it, go check out Bill Simmons' article on ESPN.com. It's great stuff from an outstanding writer.

Well I'm out of room boys and girls but as always, thanks for reading. I hope that midterms went well for everyone and no one exploded from excessive amounts of stress – that's not the kind of March Madness I want to be hearing about.

Selection Sunday is just two days away and I can't wait for the games to begin.

So have your pens and pencils ready and enjoy some great basketball – along with the rest of your spring break. Have a great week off folks and whatever you do, please don't pick a sixteen seed to pull off a first round upset – that's just plain stupid.

MARCH^{21ST} 3:30 – 5 PM SCANLON BANQUET HALL D NAVRUZ SPRING FESTIVAL

Refreshments from a Central Asian Restaurant will be served.

Navruz (also called *Noruz*, *Nowruz*, *Nowrooz*, and *Nawruz*), the spring "New Year" holiday, has been celebrated for at least 2,500 years. Originating in Persia its name means "new day" in Farsi because for ancient Persians it marked the first day of the New Year.

Celebrations of spring are a natural outgrowth of the Earth's rhythms. Navruz announces the joyful awakening of nature after winter and the beginning of the agricultural cycle of cultivating, planting, and harvesting. *Navruz* is celebrated in Greater Iran, Caucasus, and Central Asia. It is a public holiday in: Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kashmir and Kirgizstan. Navruz is also celebrated by Kurds in Iraq and Turkey as well as by Parsis in India and Pakistan.

This event is sponsored by the Interfaith Program, International Programs and the International/Intercultural Student Club.

NFL Combine opens many scouts' eyes to raw talent

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

The NFL Combine is widely considered the best workout session to evaluate talent leading up to the NFL Draft. Unlike years past, this class of draft hopefuls participated in big numbers.

Usually a hand full of the best players in the draft sit out the combine and wait for their Pro Day at their school in a controlled environment.

Players like Nick Fairley and Marcell Dareus are considered to be the two favorites to be the first overall pick in the draft and they both decided to showcase their talents in front of NFL scouts, not hiding anything.

All of the top quarterbacks in the draft also participated in this year's combine, including Blaine Gabbert, Cam Newton, Jake Locker and Ryan Mallett. Due to the involvement of these athletes, it made for one interesting combine held in Indianapolis.

Stephen Paea, a defensive tackle from Oregon State, wowed scouts by breaking the bench press record with 49 reps of 225.

This impressive workout Paea put together will help him to be pushed up the draft board dramatically.

The 40 yard dash, which I consider to be a relatively overrated workout, had Demarcus Van Dyke, a defensive back from Miami, leading the group by running a 4.28.

Many teams seem to use this workout to judge the skill level of a player way too much. We've seen this with the Raiders almost every season, as Al Davis drafts as if he's a 12 year old kid drafting a fantasy team on Madden.

Austin Pettis, an under the radar wide receiver from

Boise State, ran an impressive 20-yard shuttle at 3.88 seconds. He showed that along with his 6-foot-3 frame he still has the quickness to be a great wide receiver at the professional level.

Julio Jones' shocking 40 yard dash of 4.39 busts the debate wide open on who is the best wide receiver in this year's draft class.

Although I still believe A.J. Green has a higher upside and is better overall, Jones' overall performance through all workouts gives him a chance to be the first receiver taken off the board.

Many drills ran in the combine that go beyond statistical results are the passing and route running workouts that the quarterbacks, wide receivers, tight ends and running backs run.

It was clear that Cam Newton struggled with his command as he failed to be consistent throwing to unknown receivers.

Reports coming out of the combine say that Newton had trouble in the interview process with some teams as he became very defensive and flustered when asked about allegations against him at Auburn.

Maybe Newton should have considered sitting this year's combine out.

Ryan Mallett's draft stock went way down during the combine as he also acted difficult when being asked questions about previous alleged use of drugs.

Mallett's immature attitude might just keep him out of the first round of the draft.

Finally healthy, Christian Ponder from Florida State showcased his strong and accurate arm, becoming one of the most impressive quarterbacks to participate in the 2011 NFL combine.

Players still have a couple more opportunities to impress



Photo by frathousesports.com

Ryan Mallett (left) and Cam Newton (right) both failed to impress scouts at the Combine.

scouts through pro days and scheduled interviews. Some of these players will try to forget

about their combine woes.

Whether they deserve it or not, many players have

punched their ticket into the first round through their impressive workouts at the combine.

March Madness for dummies: Bracket Do's and Don'ts

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

For those of you who are not avid sports fan, the greatest tournament is right around the corner. The NCAA college basketball tournament starts next week and most of America will be filling out brackets to see which team will win the national championship.

March Madness pools are all over the place. You see them in school, work, everywhere.

The best thing about joining a March Madness pool is that everyone has a chance to win, you could have no knowledge whatsoever about basketball and still could win.

Therefore, because of this I thought it would be a good idea to help those who have no knowledge about college basketball to give some hints on how to do a bracket.

So here are some quick Do's and Don'ts for the tournament:

DO: Put at least one number one seed in your Final Four. A top seed has reached the Final Four every year except 1980 and 2006.

DON'T: Put all four No. 1 seeds in your Final Four. It only happened in 2008.

DO: Trust that Duke will make it to the Sweet Sixteen no matter how badly you don't want them to.

DON'T: Trust a team that suspends its second best player for the rest of the season for breaking its honor code.

DO: Trust teams that have experience.

DON'T: Pick a team that is more known for their academics than their basketball skills.

DO: Pick a team you despise to make the Sweet 16 and a team you love to bow out in the first round.

DON'T: Pick your favorite team to win it all.

DO: Call your friends the minute you finish filling out your bracket and make stuff up about your picks just to keep them flustered and uncertain, with lines like: "I just have a real good feeling about Oakland."

DON'T: Put too much stock into the conference tournaments.

DON'T: Tell people your actual big upsets in the bracket.

I hope those Do and Don't help, but just in case you wanted more information, I decided to talk to my sister, who knows absolutely nothing about sports but always fills out a bracket, for some thoughts

Her favorite method is to pick the team with the most hot boys on it.

She basically goes on the team websites, looks at the roster, and decides which team has the most attractive players on the team and from there selects which team will win.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Your dreams can 'really help you to better understand a few things. And if you take the time to examine them, you'll find that they'll help to reveal the path that you really ought to be on at this time.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Don't be afraid to shake things up and make a few fresh starts this week. And you ought to be able to start improving your financial outlook before long too.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
Try not to let your feelings for a friend get too out of hand if you can help it. Spending a little time by yourself will be essential at some point. And even if you start out the day feeling fairly sociable, you may end up feeling like spending a little time in your own private world.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
You ought to be able to take care of any problems that'll be popping up this week. But a few financial setbacks could occur if you end up putting too much faith in others..

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
You'll really be eager to break out of your routine and have a few new experiences this week. And you ought to end up having a great time if you decide to enjoy some type of little escape or adventure.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
If an unexpected trip suddenly turns up on your agenda, don't hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity. A few conflicts with partners are bound to be popping up too, but you ought to be able to sort everything out by later in the week.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
Things should definitely be heating up for you on the relationship front. And you really ought to make the time to enjoy some kind of little romantic escape with someone you love before the end of the week.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
Try to take care of whatever work or other responsibilities seem to be coming your way. You should also try to clear up any personal issues that have been bothering you lately.

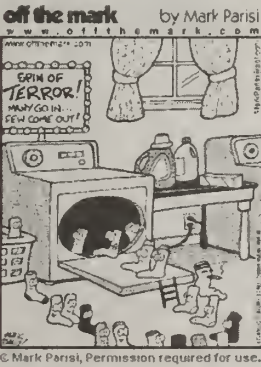
Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
Everything ought to be going very smoothly for you on the relationship front at this time. And you should also be able to make some real progress on a few important projects.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
There should be a lot going on with your family at the moment, and you really ought to be able to get to the bottom of things around the house. Your creative energies should really be peaking right now

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
You're bound to be experiencing some pretty intense feelings and emotions. But even if you're feeling a little insecure at the moment, you shouldn't be afraid of expressing your feelings for someone special.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
Just realize that you could end up scaring someone off if you're too opinionated or come on too strong this week.

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Welcome back reception!

For study abroad faculty, students, and staff and the announcement of winner of the International Photo Contest!

When? March 21st at 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where? Scanlon Living Room

Come join us welcome back WSU faculty, staff, and students who studied abroad for a semester or for a short-term course. Enjoy their presentations and experiences. View submissions for the Library's International Photo Contest, and witness the announcement of the winner of the contest!

For more information, contact the International Programs Office at 572-8819.

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Friday March 11th - Saturday March 19th



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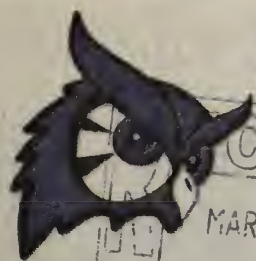
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Students travel abroad courtesy of Westfield State

Grenoble, France

Laura Satkowski
Voice Reporter

This past summer, I studied abroad for six weeks in Grenoble, France, through Academic Programs International.

Grenoble is situated in the French Alps, and waking up to a view of the Alps is indescribable.

I did not know a soul in France upon arrival, but I made amazing friends from the United States and other countries.

Potenza, Italy

Kaitlin Calderara
Voice Reporter

Five students from WSU's Model United Nations program had the opportunity this past summer to travel to Italy for ten days with our fabulous club advisor and WSU professor Dr. Brian Steinberg.

During his graduate work in Italy, Dr. Steinberg developed lasting relationships that enabled us to be the only non-Italian students invited to a summer program focused on interculturalism in Italy.



Photo by Voice Staff

All front page travel abroad articles are continued on pages 2 and 3.

Paris, France

**Samantha Fahey &
Alex Myers**
Co-Editors-In-Chief

Our return from overseas, besides wanting to sleep all the time, has prompted us to do a large and wonderful international issue.

As you read our stories about Paris and other students' stories about their journeys abroad, we hope it inspires you to want to travel to beautiful places across the world.

Jamaica

Alex Myers
Editor-In-Chief

Sophomore Frank Sacco is diligently trying to get a new group started on campus: Positive Vibrations for Peace.

Positive Vibrations for Peace is a group that Sacco's father Dr. Frank Sacco, Ph.D and his mentor Dr. Stuart Twemlow, Ph.D., M.D started about five years ago for students living in Sheffield, Jamaica.

This program is a violence

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7:30p.m. - Game show:

The Feud

Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, March 27

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Festival
Dever Stage

6:00p.m. - Xbox on the

big screen

Ely Main Lounge

8:00p.m. - The Oresteia:

A Trilogy

Ely Main Lounge

From cow tongue to Mont Blanc, student's trip a success

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I took French classes four hours a day, five days a week through the Intensive Language Studies program at the Universite Stendhal in Grenoble.

However, most of my French was learned by spending hours in conversation with my host family.

I am glad I decided to live with a family because I was included in many cultural experiences that I never would have had I lived in a dormitory.

My program included excursions to Mont Blanc, Paris, and Chamonix (my new favorite place in the world).

I tried so many different kinds of food, and ate cow tongue for dinner most nights!

From the everyday enjoyment of living with a French family to walking inside a glacier to climbing the Eiffel Tower, this was the best six weeks of my life.

I would highly recommend studying abroad to every student!



Photo by The Westfield Squirrel Squire

Laura is a Psychology major and French minor from Holland, MA. In 2009, she participated in The Theatre of London- Past and Present, a J-term course in the UK.

Ten days in Italy a great learning experience

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To prepare, we attended four Saturday classes at WSU, where we studied Italian government and history, and viewed Italian movies.

We landed in Naples where we toured historic landmarks and sampled delicious authentic pizza. From there, we traveled south by train and bus to Potenza, the site of the program.

While in Italy, we studied the region of Basilicata, with its Greek, Byzantine, and Arab influences. Our classes, held from 9a.m. to lunchtime,

were entirely in Italian.

They were conducted by professors from several schools, including the Universities of Naples, Salerno, Rome, and Basilicata, as well as by Dr. Steinberg.

A translator helped us to understand the material and participate in class, and at the end of each session Dr. Steinberg discussed the subjects with us in English.

The best part about the trip was the in-country travel. We traveled to those areas in Basilicata influenced by the multi-cultural communities.

We toured Matera, a

UN heritage site, saw ancient Greek ruins at Metaponto, and explored mountaintop villages. The Italian countryside is breathtaking.

The trip was a great learning experience and we made many friends that we still keep in contact with on Facebook.

Since this is an exchange program, a professor and students from the University of Basilicata will come from Italy to WSU in August.

For more information on studying abroad programs, visit the WSU website at www.wsc.ma.edu.

Have you had a really great study abroad experience you want to share?

Write about it! Give other students the chance to see what it's like to travel overseas!

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Positive Vibrations for Peace: Keeping Jamaican students' artistic dreams alive

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prevention and awareness program for students.

A lot of the students cannot read or write and have little resources.

Most schools in the Sheffield, Jamaica area don't have art schools or programs so this provides them with a place to go to do arts and crafts and make bracelets.

Sacco, sporting his Jamaican-made Positive Vibrations bracelet, said that the school where the program had previously been held had to move to a new location because they didn't have any heat or hot, running water.

With this new group Sacco is trying to start, he is hoping to raise money and awareness by doing community activism to get a global perspective.

If you can give 45 minutes to an hour, he said, "I'll make it fun."

He wants this to get institutionalized and the ultimate goal is to make it a J-term so the students participating in the on-campus group can go to Jamaica and see the program in progress.

Sacco said, "This is an educational opportunity."

It allows students here to see different cultures, ways of life, educational systems, and to get a world perspective, he said.

The goal of the program, Sacco said, is to create concrete, step-by-step processes of raising money every year so it can be a self-sustaining international program.

He hopes that after he leaves, the program will

continue and progress.

He wants to "raise money so these kids can keep their artistic dreams alive."

Besides the on-campus group Sacco is trying to start, Positive Vibrations for Peace is an already up and running program in Jamaica.

"They just have fun making them," Sacco said of the students making the bracelets, "they think of it as a birthday party."

He himself said that he has been giving out the bracelets because even if there isn't a group at Westfield State yet, he still wants to raise awareness. The bracelets aren't just bracelets, he said.

In most schools in Jamaica, the student to teacher ratio is 20-1, where at the school where this program is held it is 8-1.

This way, the students get a lot more one-on-one attention from their teachers.

"The whole point of the program is violence protection," Sacco said.

The teachers at the Leroy Steadman Workshop, the name of the bracelet-making art school, help the students put violence protection through art so they can express themselves.

Sacco said that at least two students every year have amazing artistic skills that may never have been discovered otherwise, with the limited art programs in regular schools.

Violence prevention and awareness is especially important in Jamaica because violence is a pretty big issue there, as it has the third highest crime rate in the world.

Jamaica gained their independence in 1962 and since

then has been in constant debt, which results in the people of the country getting the lower hand and usually getting bad quality products.

It's an "island that's very corrupt and very violent, it's always in civil unrest," Sacco said.

Because it is an evolving nation, Sacco, his father, and the teachers and supporters of the Positive Vibrations for Peace program have tried very hard to get the kids of Jamaica on a good path.

An example is David Konovitch who has lived in Jamaica for over 20 years.

He is a strong contributor to the program with his wife Jennifer Malcolm.

She is always helping and is very, very stern with the students. Sounds harsh, but Sacco says the students have a lot of respect for her.

Sharky, a nickname but a name that Sacco has always called him, so much so he doesn't remember Sharky's real name, is a contributor to the program also and teaches the students different techniques like how to tie the knots on the bracelets.

"His artwork is amazing," Sacco said.

Sacco has also been to Jamaica himself and has seen the school and awareness program at work and strongly believes that everything they are doing is for a good cause and really wants to keep it up and running.

If you are interested in this soon-to-be on-campus group Positive Vibrations for Peace or just the organization in general, you can contact Frank Sacco at fsacco3266@wsc.ma.edu for more information.



Photos courtesy of Frank Sacco

Top picture: Sharky and Jennifer Malcolm help make the new location of Positive Vibrations a fun and exciting place to be.

Middle picture: The Positive Vibrations for Peace logo.

Bottom picture: The school that the Jamaican students attended before it had to be closed, named after an influential contributor Leroy Steadman

Editor's Desk

By: Samantha Fahey

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Oh, Paris. I never even imagined I would travel to Europe, especially not on a free ride. But it goes to show that being involved in your school and your community can get you places in life - literally!

The plane ride to Paris was a little more than six hours, which happens to be the difference between here and there (though with daylight savings time it became a five hour difference because they don't change their clocks).

In the Paris airport, our first experience was getting lost in the elevators - there was no "up" or "down" that we're used to.

Second experience: exchanging my money from dollars to Euros. I exchanged \$400 and only got 241 Euros in return. The exchange rate and even the charge are both a little ridiculous; our dollar is definitely losing its value.

When we arrived to our hotel it was 7:00 in the morning. Welcome to Jet-Lag City. So Alex and I both took a nap and when we woke up we walked to a little café and got freshly squeezed orange juice and a nutella crepe. Sounds weird, but it was absolutely delicious - and filling, too!

At about 3 p.m. we met up with the rest of the group. The group of students consisted of Alex and I and about forty students from George Washington University. Enough said.

All together, we went on a boat tour down the Seine River, and even though it was a cloudy day, we both got some really great pictures.

Almost every single

building in Paris looks like it has some sort of historical significance, like a castle or a museum. Their architecture is completely different from ours.

One of the most interesting stories we heard from the tour guide on the boat was about a Louvre employee who fell in love with Mona Lisa; apparently he stole her painting and hid it under his bed for three years.

That night we had a reception at the apartment of Nancy and Richard Asthalter. There, we got to start getting to know the students from GWU but we also heard from a speaker named Judith Baroody.

When she came up to Alex and I and asked us to pass out her business card to everyone, we did so automatically - and without reading the card.

But once we did, we couldn't believe what a prestigious position she held. Dr. Judith Baroody (as indicated on her card) is Minister Counselor for Public Affairs in the Embassy of the United States of America.

She's connected to many famous people and works closely with Hillary Clinton, who incidentally was arriving in Paris the next morning.

Mrs. Baroody's husband also talked to us; he too works in the U.S. Embassy as a Defensive Analyst.

Hearing about their lives and learning about the work that they do for our country was extremely interesting and we had ample time to ask them questions.

Monday morning we woke up rather early and had

a continental breakfast in the hotel lobby.

We did this every morning, and every morning we had the same thing: tea or coffee, orange juice, bread, croissants, apples.

I'm not complaining, I love all of those things! But it was rather humorous and definitely worth mentioning, because it says a lot about the French culture compared to our own.

We walked almost everywhere we went, which was great because there's no better way to observe the streets and scenery of Paris than to walk right down the middle of them.

Even better was the fact that the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe were within ten minutes walking distance from our hotel.

Publicis, one of the world's top advertising agencies, was our first stop. The building was amazing, and quite modern.

The French seem to be really big into mirrors and tight spaces, because all the hallways and elevators we went in were narrow and had mirrors stretched from floor to ceiling.

They took us to the roof of the building and from there we had a perfect view of the Arc de Triomphe - we didn't miss our chance to take some fantastic pictures.

After listening to the history of the company and some examples of clients that they serve, we made our way to the headquarters of the International Herald Tribune.

This visit was extremely interesting to both

Alex and I because we were able to speak with the Senior Editor for the newspaper and we even got her business card on the way out the door. It's all about making contacts in high places - remember that.

Tuesday we sat in a classroom at the University of Paris and listen to five different speakers, one of which really caught my attention (see my article on page 8).

That evening we walked to another apartment - the home of Jim Bitterman. Some of you may recognize the name; he was a CNN correspondent in Paris for many years.

He played us a slide show about working in television and it was interesting to see how he got into the TV reporting business.

Later that night we waited in line and made it to the very top of the Eiffel Tower. They don't call it "the City of Lights" for nothing.

I can't even explain the view, but going to the top of a national landmark like the Eiffel Tower is something everyone has to do in their life, and I'm so honored and privileged to say that it was spectacular.

Wednesday was jammed packed with lectures and by the time they were finished it was almost dinner time.

After changing into more comfortable shoes, we travelled by bus to Montmartre, which is a section of Paris that is up on a mountain overlooking the entire city.

At the top of the mountain was Sacré-Cœur, a

beautiful church that has a tower you can climb and look out over all of Paris. Unfortunately, pictures were not allowed to be taken inside.

Thursday we went to *Liberation*, the French newspaper that was founded during the French Revolution and has been serving the Paris community every since.

It was extremely intriguing to compare how this more localized newspaper ran itself versus the *International Herald Tribune* that has readers all over the globe.

Friday we took the train to the outskirts of Paris to learn about *France 24*, the news station that broadcasts in French, English and Arabic.

We were able to take a tour of the building and were actually shoed out of the newsroom when a woman walked in and without hesitation - and without seemingly any preparation - went live on the air.

Once we got back to the heart of Paris, we marched ourselves straight over to Notre Dame and then to the Louvre.

Words cannot describe either of these amazing architectural masterpieces, or the remarkable wonders that have come to rest inside them, waiting to be seen.

I am truly honored and extremely grateful to have been chosen by the school for this trip.

It was a one-of-a-kind experience and I encourage everyone to do whatever they can in order to be given opportunities like this one, because life is too short to pass them up.



The Eiffel Tower



Sacré Cœur



The Arc de Triomphe



Notre Dame



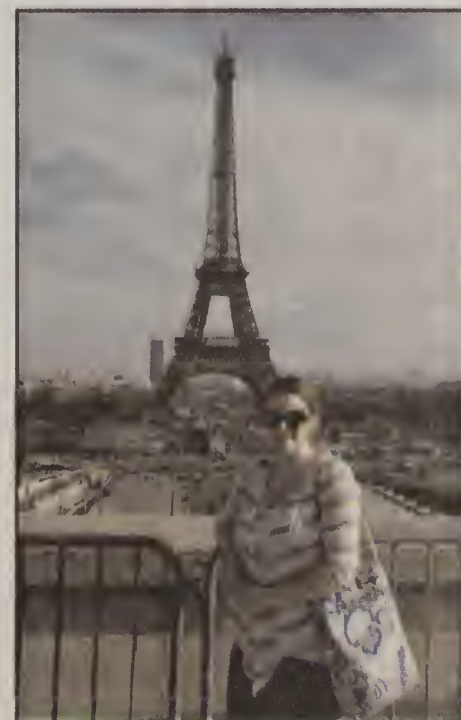
The Louvre Pyramid



The Eiffel Tower



The Louvre



Samantha in front of the Eiffel Tower

Editor's Desk

By: Alex Myers

Co-Editor-In-Chief



Bonjour! I know I said I was going to do my whole editor's desk in French, but since it's going to be extremely long that is not going to happen. However, I will show off some of my skills: Bonsoir: Good evening, Merci: Thank you, De rien: You're welcome, Please: S'il vous plait, Do you speak English?: Parlez-vous Anglais?, and so on.

Okay, so I didn't learn a whole lot, but I learned enough! It makes me want to study French, but I know I won't since I will probably never go back to Paris.

Not because I didn't like it though, I loved Paris! It is such a beautiful city I wish I could have seen more of it. But because it's extremely expensive if it's not school sponsored! :)

Now to talk about our trip! On Sunday we got to Paris at 6:45AM their time which is 1:45AM our time and we were extremely exhausted.

We got to the hotel, which was a cute little bed and breakfast, and slept for three hours. Three measly hours. I could have slept forever I was so tired, but I got up and we went to get a nutella and coco crepe! Yum!

At 3PM we took a boat ride on the Seine River and saw a ton of amazing sights. It was a really good way to get situated with the city. Later that night we went to hear a talk from a woman who worked at the U.S. Embassy.

Not going to lie, I almost fell asleep – mostly because I was running on three hours of sleep in 24 hours not because the content of her talk was boring. But we eventually made it back and got to sleep!

On Monday, we had

to force ourselves out of bed, but we were welcomed with a nice continental breakfast consisting of bread, croissant things that were delicious, orange juice, and coffee.

Then we were on our way to an advertising company Publicis Groupe. It was really cool to see the advertising portion of the media world.

After that we went to the International Herald Tribune, which is like the global version of the New York Times. That one was specifically interesting to me because it touches on exactly what I want to do.

I don't want to be an international journalist because I couldn't handle the traveling, but I still made sure to get her business card. It's all about making connections!

When we were done there we had some free time so we walked to the Eiffel Tower just to see it up close.

Since I wore my new flats there and got all cut up, when we walked to the Huebner's house later that night I wore my white sneakers and got SO many looks. C'mon... haven't you ever seen white sneakers before??!!

Anyway, we got there late since we got lost, but we were on time to hear the speaker. She is an international journalist. That life must be so hard and scary, I couldn't do it! After she was done, we headed out and I took my first taxi ever (not alone) back to the hotel.

Tuesday we spent most of the day at the American University of Paris. We had three seminars in a row – one about social media, one about branding yourself (aka advertising yourself) and the

last was AUP students talking about media from the countries they are from. They were all really interesting! There will be articles about some of the seminars in this issue so if interested, read them! Or you can ask us :) Email me at amyers9330@wsc.ma.edu.

After the seminars we had free time so Samantha and I went shopping! We went to a tourist shop that had tons of "I love Paris" stuff and I spent 110 Euros... oh well! We walked after that to the Eiffel Tower again and went beyond it to this other building which we still aren't sure what it was. The view was amazing though (check the profile pic on Facebook!).

We had to rush back to the hotel to meet with the other students and walked to CNN Correspondent Jim Bitterman's house. He spoke to us about his work with CNN and something I thought was really cool was Hildi from the show Trading Spaces was there! I used to love that show!

That night, Samantha, Prof. Brewster, and I took a ride up to the top of the Eiffel Tower. It was so scary (and windy), but so incredible. Everything was lit up and beautiful.

Wednesday was a realllllllyyyy long day! I won't bore you with too many details of the seminars, but again there will probably be some details on them in the paper or Samantha's editor's desk! I was so tired at this point – I drank two cups of coffee and a frappachino and was still dozing off.

I discovered something interesting during one of the sessions, though. If you wave to a person in a car to thank them in France for letting you

go, they might think you're flirting with them... oops!

That night we were supposed to go to a reception, but we went out with the Brewster's instead to Montmartre and Sacre Coeur and it was the best night of the whole week. Sacre Coeur was BEAUTIFUL. I wish I could have taken photos.

After we went in the church we got ice cream and then ate some dinner, which is such a long affair for the French. We were there for a while, but it's okay because we had a really fun night!

Thursday... Saint Patrick's Day! Nope, I didn't care... it was just another day in Paris for me. We had a couple seminars in the morning and broke off for lunch. At 1:00 we went to Liberation, a French newspaper.

I always enjoy the newspaper sessions because it's what I want to do after I graduate, but like I said I'm not traveling and as you guys can see I don't speak French so this was more interesting to see an international perspective of newspapers.

After Liberation, we went to Jim Morris' house, a 94-year-old retired photo editor. He did not look 94 at all! It was crazy to me that he lived through I think 17 presidents. I hope I can live that long, jeez!

Once his presentation was over Samantha and I decided we were going to go searching for a place to eat on Champs Elysees.

After like 20 minutes of looking, we settled for a pizza joint (I know, pizza in Paris... lame). It was weird though, they don't slice it for you! It was good nonetheless.

We went to get dessert

after at the biggest Haagen-Dazs store you'll ever see in your life. It was delicious of course.

On the way back to the hotel, we got lost. It was a learning experience, but I was in dire need of a restroom so I used a self-cleaning one that was just chillin' on the sidewalk.

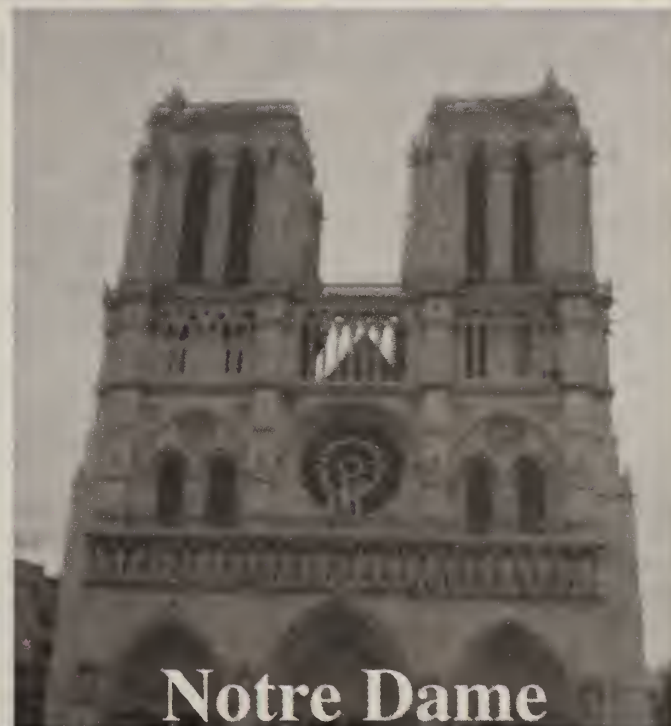
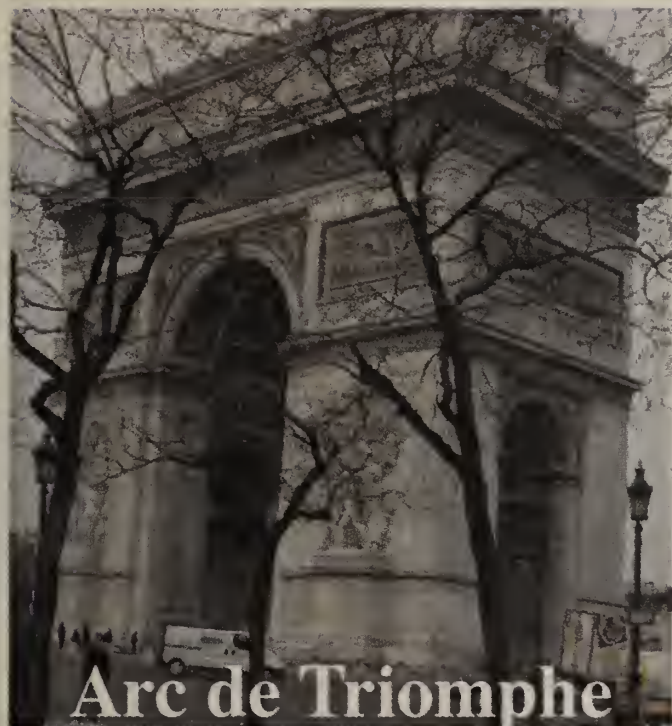
It was kind of gross, but very helpful! We did finally make it back to the hotel in one piece, with the help of some really funny policemen.

Finally, Friday. We went to France24, the 24 hour news station in France that broadcasts in three languages. It was awesome there, crazy, but awesome! It makes me wonder if that is actually what I want to do – broadcast news. I have no idea!

But anyway, that was the very last seminar of the week so after that we went to get food at a Japanese restaurant across the street from the hotel. When we finished eating the two of us and the Brewster family walked to Notre Dame, went inside, and then ventured out in the rain to walk to The Louvre.

We discovered that anyone under 26 was free so that was good for us! I could leave with 20 whole Euros! It was cool to see the Mona Lisa. It is smaller than I thought and the museum put a HUMONGOUS painting on the opposite wall, but I can still say that I saw it!

It was getting late so we walked back to the hotel, packed, and it was time for bed to get up early to catch the plane! Paris was a truly tremendous experience and I am so happy that I went. I would recommend it to anyone! Just remember... learn some French, buy uncomfortable, but cute shoes, and no white sneakers!



Social media: Our generation is leading the revolution

Samantha Fahey
Editor-In-Chief

According to Matthew Fraser, former Editor-in-Chief of the Canada National Post, there is "a lot of opportunity for [our] generation."

In his seminar titled *Online Media from a European Perspective*, Fraser addressed America's leading role in current social media's rocket into popularity and how other Western countries have been slow to follow.

"France has been one of the most resistant to new social media," he said.

According to Fraser, social media websites like WikiLeaks, TripAdvisor, and RateMyProfessor don't exist in France; they were shut down by the Minister of Education.

Fraser highlighted the key fact that social outlets have turned media "from professionalism to amateurism," starting with the commonly cited Wikipedia.

"Wikipedia is a main example of diffusion of power," he said. "Literally anyone can contribute."

He made a point of taking of a consensus of who in the audience had used Wikipedia in the last month. Almost every hand in the room went up into the air.

When Fraser asked who had used a credible website, for example Encyclopedia Britannica, every single hand went back down into the laps of the audience members.

Fraser had made his point and moved on in his lecture to address the extremely popular site YouTube. He started by saying, "You can now access instant fame

thanks to the Internet."

He talked about YouTube's symphony orchestra, "a global endeavor devoted to sharing the love of music and celebrating humanity's vast creative diversity" according to the website, and how things like that "can not happen unless you have a platform like YouTube."

In the old days, Fraser said, journalists went to journalism school and would abide by journalism codes and ethics.

"Those things are shattered," Fraser said. "They don't exist anymore. Being a

columnist doesn't have the prestige that it used to. That's a fact.

"You can have just as much influence on a blog as a columnist in the New York Times has."

Now we have what the media is calling "citizen journalism."

Fraser used the example of Amanda Hocking. With no publisher she has become a multi-millionaire by selling her novel as an eBook.

With the image of a Coca-Cola can on the projector, Fraser informed the audience that the number one fan page on Facebook was not created



photo by flickr.com

Matthew Fraser, now a professor the American university of Paris, is a frequent social media speaker.

by Coca-Cola themselves but by two arbitrary Facebook users.

Social media is also affecting government and political campaigning, Fraser said, and he used the example of "Yes We Can" by Will.i.am that has over twenty-two million views on YouTube.

"With all of this new social media," Fraser said, "17 year old teenagers can cause more damage to the government than the Russian Army."

"It's a cyber war and anyone can participate, even the 16 year old pimply kid in his basement."

Lately, social media sites have been used by other countries to create change and overthrow monarchies. For example, cell phones and Twitter played a prominent role in the recent protests in Egypt.

"The United States is the leader of online social media," Fraser said. "You guys are the leaders, not the followers."

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One couple's journey to success

By Alex Myers
Editor-In-Chief

Ann and Don Morrison, a married couple living in Paris, have quite an interesting career path and story as to how they ended up where they are today.

Ann, a Westfield woman herself, started off her a career knowing she wanted to be a journalist. As a college newspaper editor, she went to a College Newspaper Editor Conference, where she met her husband Don.

Even with pretty good credentials and skill under her belt, she still couldn't get a job or internship anywhere because she was a female.

She eventually got a job at Time, Inc. after numerous attempts of trying to get her foot in there. She started off as a fact checker and ended up being executive editor and worked there for 17 years.

After Time, Ann worked at Fortune magazine in New York. In her career she has also worked at other publications including the New York Times, the Financial Times, and Corporate Board

Member magazine.

Ann got a job in Hong Kong as Editor-in-Chief of Asiaweek magazine, so her and her family picked up and moved to China. For two years, her and her husband taught at Beijing's Tsinghua University.

After being in China for seven years, they moved to London to be co-editors of Time London Edition.

"It has been an absolutely great ride," Ann said of her journeys and her career as a journalist.

In her talk, before her husband stood up to speak, she gave some tips to being a successful journalist: pay attention to detail and don't clear quotes. She also says, about the changing media times now, that you have to recognize the fact that media is changing and you as a journalist have to be willing to change with it.

Don Morrison, author of The Death of French Culture, spoke next and said that unlike his wife Ann, he never wanted to be a journalist. He wanted to go into medicine.

His dad actually found him a newspaper job at the obituary desk, which is where

most journalists started off.

He must have realized that he had a knack for journalism and was a summer intern at Time, eventually got a steady job there, and worked for Time for 37 years.

"We were there because it was fun, it was glamorous. We thought we were doing something socially useful," Don said.

Instead of talking about his career path - since it pretty much mirrors Ann's - he talked more about journalism in general. He said that advertising barely existed until the mid-19th century and that press was reborn when the federal government bought out the auto industry.

He continued to say that advertising still remains extremely important today to the newspaper industry.

Don said that European newspapers tend to have a more discernable ideological line than American newspapers.

European journalists don't have the same idea of objectivity as United States journalists do.

They think of writing articles more like writing an essay. They don't consider themselves to be fact grubbing, but to be intellectuals, he said.

Journalism schools in Europe really didn't even exist until the 1960's where the first journalism school in the United States was in 1904.

Don said that it is becoming increasingly difficult to be a journalist with there being 30% less jobs in newsrooms today than in 2000. Blogs, twitter feeds, facebook, and other types of social, online media have erupted.

Ann and Don Morrison have worked their way up the food chain, so to speak, and are now two very prominent and important people in the journalism world.

Student Spotlight

Name: Dave Mailloux
Hometown: Chicopee, MA
Major: Education
Concentration: History

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

Teach high school History.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

N/A

If you had the chance to invite any two people over for dinner who would they be, and what might likely be the topic of conversation?

FDR, we would talk about foreign policy. Mark Martin, we would talk about the change over the years within the sport of automobile racing.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

Grab a bite to eat over in the D.C.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Getting to know my professors and their different perspectives.

Lucky Number?

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If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

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SGA Report: Senior Celebration Packets on sale now

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

Senior class President, Courtney Sarantos announced, "Senior Celebration Packets are on sale now [in SGA]! There are only 196 spots. They are \$230.00 and that includes all your meals and fees for the activities we have planned.

We are going to Mohegan Sun, Boston for a scavenger hunt and to go Sanctuary Bar/Club, Huke Lau, having murder mystery dinner with Theodore's food and other fun activities.

The deadline to purchase a packet is April 1st.

The senior class will also be selling Meet Travie McCoy raffle tickets.

See a class council member or Barbara Hand to buy one.

The council will also be selling tickets in the DC the week before Spring Weekend.

Chris Lewis announced that, "The Class of 2013 will be hosting a faculty/staff vs. student's basketball game on March 29th at 8:00pm in the Woodward Center. Tickets are \$3.00 at the Ely Campus Center Window from now until March 28th."

Sign up in SGA if you are interested in playing.

If you have any questions please email the class at classof2013@wsc.ma.edu.

Mayor Knapick was the guest speaker at the senate meeting on March 22.

He said, "There's never been a better partnership between the city of Westfield and Westfield State University."

When asked about the bridge construction downtown, Knapick said the historic bridges must be maintained according to federal law and the engineering of the bridge reconstructions has cause the delay from last summer to now.

After a 65 million dollar project over five years, the bridge is expected to be open by the end of this summer.

Knapick also said that there have been development proposals for the possibility of a student housing initiative at the former Washington Street School.

He joked saying that aside from the potholes, "There is a robust quality of life in Westfield."

Knapick said there are about 270 miles of roadway in Westfield and it is the largest city in the Commonwealth.

He said road repairs are already underway beginning sooner than usual.

Since the newly hired road repair company can purchase asphalt from whatever company they want, pothole repairs should be more satisfactory in the future.

Knapick noted that the safety of the University's students is very important to him, especially the students residing off campus at Landsdowne Place.

Enhanced lighting in the parking lots and increased police patrolling around the building will be put in place soon.

Visit the website "cityofwestfield.org" to see the future of the Westfield Green to take place within the next 45 days.

Knapick said there has been talk of having a joint opening celebration with the city of Westfield and WSU.

"I wish you all nothing but success," said Mayor Knapick.

In commemoration of the one year anniversary of the tragedy in Haiti, Westfield State University will host a retrospective on Haiti after the earthquake.

The event will take place Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Britney Kinhart announced that the next

Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM in the Parenzo Gym.

The Parking Control Board has decided that beginning next semester, main lot will only include the Apartment Complex lot and the lot on Davis Road.

Parking stickers for main and commuter lots will be raised to \$100 and DGCE stickers will be \$60.

Main lot stickers will be given out through an application process and there are limited spots.

Faculty and staff parking sticker prices will not

go up because contracts are not up and the Board can not negotiate that, said Tim Egan Tony Iozzo

reminded everyone that advising is starting soon.

Advising for seniors is March 28-31 with registration on April 1.

Junior advising is April 4-7 with registration on April 8. Sophomore advising is April 11-14 with registration on April 15. Course program booklets are now available.

Tickets for the Travie McCoy Concert during Spring Weekend are on sale now at the Campus Center window for \$10.

Guest packs are available for \$23 not including a concert ticket.

Also, meal packets are available for purchase at the service window for those who do not have a meal plan but wish to eat on campus during Spring Weekend.

Commuter Council will be selling Red Sox tickets beginning April 4 at the Campus Center window for a game on April 30th. Bus transportation will cost \$30.

The next Student Government meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 29 at 5:30 PM.

Westfield State Alumni Return: Carolyn Edwards

Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

The Alumni office is hosting Alumni Mentor day on Thursday, April 13th from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Another mentor to grace us with her presence at the Alumni Mentor day is Carolyn Edwards.

Carolyn Edwards, graduate of 1986, was a resident student with a major in Mass Communications.

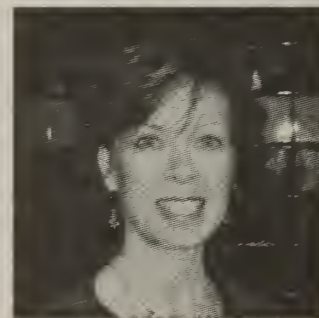
While at Westfield, Edwards was part of the Student Council and Commuter Council.

Currently Edwards is a member of the Retail Advisory Board for Putnam Vocational Technical School, a Board of Directors for the Lee Chamber of Commerce, Board of Director for the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau and an Executive Board of Director and Secretary to the Berkshire Visitors Bureau.

When first arriving at Westfield, Edwards was an undeclared major. It wasn't until she was introduced to

the Media Department that her eyes were opened to all the possibilities a Mass Communications major could bring. Edwards feels that all the changes made to Westfield State since she graduated have been extremely beneficial. They are providing "clout and reach for students," she said.

After graduation Edwards has had a multitude



of jobs, but most of them have remained in her background. She was a Production Assistant for a major broadcast affiliate in Connecticut, an on air reporter and News Director for a radio station, and an Event planner.

Currently she manages the Regional Field Office for the American Heart Association.

Through this career

she has a dual role as Marketing Director and General Manager to the Assistant General Manager.

While at Westfield, Edwards did not have an opportunity to have an internship and she feels that was one thing she would change about her experience.

Even though she didn't get a chance to, She has worked with several student interns from the University and feels confident that her children will attend Westfield in the future.

Edwards, like many other alumni have come a long way, but still values the important things Westfield State University provided her.

Edwards found the most beneficial thing about Westfield was the direction and basic knowledge to get an entry-level position in her chosen career path.

Carolyn Edwards is one of many mentors coming on Alumni Mentor day to be your mentors in the coming years.

Come meet them and have a chance to know what your future may hold upon graduation.

Confronting controversy concerning President Obama's NCAA bracket

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

The month of March is a busy time for most people, whether it be time to start filing your taxes or the beginning of spring-cleaning, but what this month is really all about is the NCAA college basketball tournament.

For three weeks, people of all ages come together, watch college basketball, and have fun with creating brackets for different pools that they are in.

As has become an Obama tradition, the president last week revealed his March Madness picks on ESPN, for both the men and women's tournaments.

The president went all chalk and went with all the number one seeds in his final four, Duke, Kansas, Ohio State and Pittsburg. He chose the Kansas Jayhawks as champions.

But of course people have to find fault in any little thing that this man does, so naturally they attacked him for filling out a piece of paper.

Yes, I understand that right now in our country we are going through some big issues, and that the earthquake and tsu-

nami that occurred in Japan, and the conflicts in Libya are important, but come on why cannot the president fill out a bracket?

Last week Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus had a message for President Obama: How dare you be a sports fan!

Priebus posted this on Twitter account: "How can @BarackObama say he is leading when puts his NCAA bracket over the budget & other pressing issues?"

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich declared the nation needs "a commander in chief, not a spectator in chief recently on Fox News."

The president, he charged, was "hiding from his job behind NCAA picks." EXCUSE ME??? Was Obama wrong to do this?

As to whether the president was wrong, with Japan going through some horrific events, the conflicts in Libya, and the never ending battle that is the 2011 budget, wouldn't it be an adequate time for him to get a break, to enjoy a fun activity? Why not?

People need to realize that the sports have always been a part of the White House.

Even so, critics say Obama's ESPN segment turn

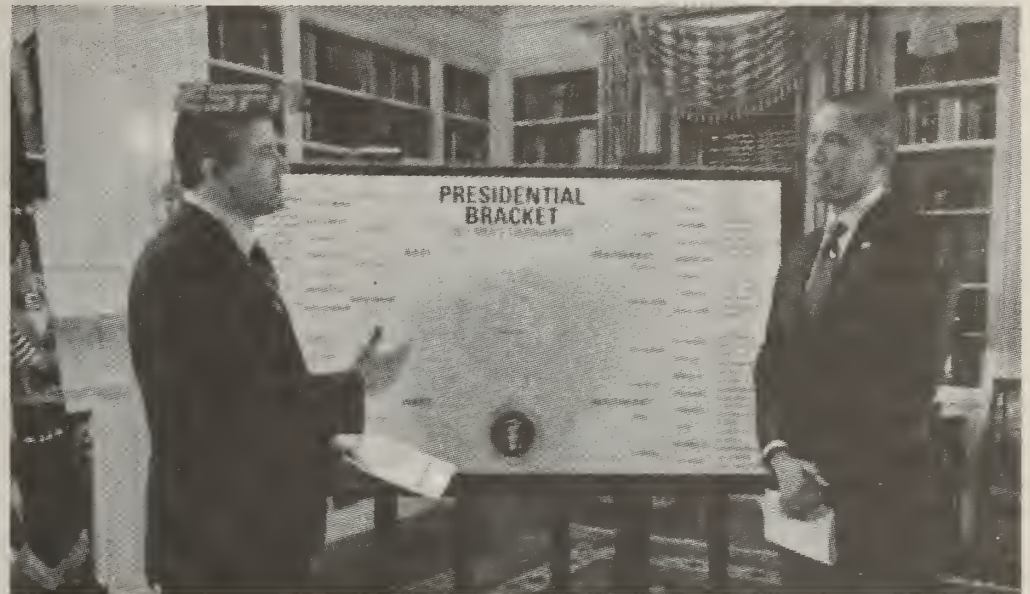


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President Obama fills out his 2011 Presidential NCAA Bracket.

shows misplaced priorities.

As conservative talk show host, Sean Hannity, put it on his radio show last week: "The NCAA tournament picks, I'm sure they're really important for ESPN, but maybe not at this particular time."

Okay Mr. Hannity that may be a good point, maybe the president has bad timing, but I can guarantee that if the president did not fill out a bracket then he would be yelled at too.

People would consider him someone who only thinks

about his job and has no life.

It's not surprising that Obama's ESPN spot gave some Americans trouble. This country even thinks that president spends every waking moment of everyday thinking about his job. Um, hello! Nobody works that way, no matter who they are.

However, if anyone actually watched the segment that was taped on ESPN, you would clearly see that in the opening of the segment, the president stresses the need for people to donate to the Red

Cross and help support Japan.

The point is this President Obama, is not only our president but also he is male who loves sports. Sports are a way for people to find comfort in times of difficulty, it doesn't mean that they don't care about important issues; no it means that they are human.

So get off the President's back. He is not wrong for filling out a bracket; the only thing he is wrong about is the fact that he put all four number one seeds in the final four.

To the Editor:

Thanks to Kris Duplisea for highlighting the Communication Department's recent curriculum revisions.

Just a couple of clarifications:

The department added three new courses to its major core and eliminated two courses from the core. We now have nine courses in the major core.

The new courses are "Global Communication," "Human Communication," and "Introduction to Communication Technology." Two specific goals of our curriculum revisions were increasing students' exposure to international perspectives and to recent technological developments.

The department added "Multimedia Journalism" to the courses required in the journalism concentration. That course is not included in our major core.

Henry Wefing
The Department of Communication

Student Government Election

Signature Papers are Available in SGA March

28th at 9:00am

You only need 25 signatures and they are due in SGA on Tuesday April 5, 2011 by 5:00pm.

Elections will be held online on:

April 19th & 20th

For more information email:

president.sga@wsc.ma.edu

One student's top 10 most awkward moments - what are yours?

Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

We all know the moment. That split second of sheer humiliation. That conversation that should have never been started. That interaction that is just plain... awkward.

These moments are classified in order by their frequency of occurrence and their overall awkward value. The order doesn't require anything more than a chuckle and a "That's SO true" remark.

Lets start at the LEAST awkward moment on our list, in order to be properly dramatic to the count down to number one. Don't skip down. It's no fun that way.

NUMBER 10
Most Awkward Moment: Approaching a building you are about to enter that requires a tech key to get in, and seeing a group of people (one or more) also waiting to get in.

They act uninterested, but you know that like hungry vultures, they are ready to jump to the open door to get into the building.

They are watching you, and you can't help but watch them a bit too. So you approach the door, and you've been spotted from a very long distance away headed for exactly this door. What's worse? You don't have a tech key to get in either.

NUMBER 9
Most Awkward Moment: Overhearing an odd or embarrassing conversation that others are having.

Their body is doing this, their ex is doing that, that rash just refuses to go away, it may be contagious now; Just everyday conversations right?

And of course, you can't react, because then they would know you are listening. You're just an innocent bystander who got sucked into overhearing this conversation.

NUMBER 8 Most Awkward Moment:

This is going to sound odd to a lot of people, but how many of you frequent the Deli Line at the DC? I don't go very often, and there are usually a lot of people waiting in line. But if you don't know what you want, or even what you can get, there is so much pressure.

The Deli people look at you like you're supposed to say something incredibly wise or clever, and to know instantly what you want on your sandwich or sub.

People are waiting, you just got to the counter and the first server is looking at you and all the bread choices fluster you.

Ask, and they say them so fast, you can't even begin to wrap your head around it. So you spit out a random bread name, probably not the one you wanted, but it's too late to take it back at that point.

Now for meat. What meat? Should I get meat? Will it be good meat or is it soggy and gross from sitting around for a long time?

Alright, so veggie time. There are so many choices to make so quickly. Is it lettuce or spinach or some weird thing you've never heard of? So yes. It's awkward. And those of you who survive the Deli Line on a daily basis are champions.

NUMBER 7
Most Awkward Moment: Walking down one of the really long pathways or hallways all over campus, and seeing someone you kind of know walking in the opposite direction towards you.

Typically, you'd say hi to them, but you aren't really friends enough to get excited. So you've got to pretend not to notice them and they do the same, until you get closer.

Finally, you're close enough to acknowledge their presence, like you hadn't seen them from the beginning so you say hi and hope they don't

stop, obligating you to stop and begin a similarly awkward and stumbling conversation.

NUMBER 6
Most Awkward Moment: Handing out papers in class. It seems like an easy enough task, but when you've got 20 plus people in the class and everyone's waiting for the paper you're handing out, you can get a little flustered.

You'll stand in front of one of them for a really long time, trying really hard to get a single sheet of paper loose from the stack, and they'll be looking at you and waiting. The harder you try, the harder it becomes, so you'll give an awkward laugh maybe.

Finally you get the sheet loose and give it to them. It's almost worse when you're passing a stack around the desks, where you take one and pass it on. The person next to you has already got their hand out waiting and here you are clumsily trying to get a paper!

What's worse than this (I know, not possible right?) is when they somehow completely miss you, or you miss them.

NUMBER 5
Most Awkward Moment: You're running late; maybe your car couldn't start or you needed to print an assignment for class. So you're already practically running.

You get to the classroom, panting a bit perhaps. If the door is open, thank goodness. But it's not. So you have to open it, and of course everyone looks over at you and watches as you enter the room. But someone else is in your regular seat!

It's then you realize your second error; this is the wrong classroom. Do you leave? Or, like me, do you just sit down and pretend this was definitely where you wanted to be? At least for a while...

NUMBER 4
Most Awkward Moment: We're back home

with the folks, watching T.V. before supper. And then it happens. One of those really funny but inappropriately sexy commercial comes on.

You're sitting next to one of your parents. I always just stare intently at the T.V., and hope they don't notice the commercial.

Try not to move too much to catch their attention during the commercial and connect two and two.

And then, it happens. They comment. No matter what they say, it's probably going to get even more awkward for you. Sorry.

NUMBER 3
Most Awkward Moment: Being seen in your towel after or prior to taking a shower by someone of the opposite gender. Awkward if it's someone you don't know. MORE awkward if it's someone you do, EVEN WORSE when it's some sort of authority figure, like an ISO or RD.

And yes, they are guaranteed to say "hi ---, how are you?" if you know them. Resist replying "Squeaky Clean! What about you?" if you can help it.

If this doesn't bother you, then you are either a champion of awkward moments, or REALLY need to stop living on campus.

NUMBER 2
Most Awkward Moment: Doors. Doors are awkward, and don't claim they aren't.

Two people approach a door at about the same time. Whether they know each other or not, usually the question pops into mind: Who's going first?

If you reach the door first, should you hold it for them or just go through? Do you stop and see if they open the door? What if you are both just standing their waiting for the other one to open the door and that awkward pause in conversation comes up?

Heaven forbid another person or group is coming out the door at the same time, or you both reach to open it at the same time and then retract at the same time.

Let's not even worry about everyone standing around the door on both sides waiting for it to be opened... Could we please figure out a common system for opening doors? You'll notice next time if you haven't noticed before.

And finally, the **NUMBER 1** Most Awkward Moment is...

Sex. Just about anything to do with sex and some sort of publicity. Being Sexiled by your roommate, or worse, walking in on your roommate or being walked in on.

Mishearing something someone said and repeating what you heard which is usually extremely dirty.

Oh, and of course "If I were the opposite sex, would you date me?" is one of the most awkward questions to ask your best friends. Wait at least a year into the relationship until asking that.

When your significant other asks you some serious questions, or when you break up and you see them around all the time.

Everything to do with sex, while it's the most intimate and vulnerable time with your significant other, with just about everyone else, IT'S JUST PLAIN AWKWARD!

These are all, of course, just a few of the many awkward moments in the world.

The best thing to remember is that no matter what, be able to laugh at yourself. And PLEASE take pity upon the other people who happen to stumble into one of these moments.

Laughter is the medicine of the embarrassed (only if they laugh themselves of course). Just know, these will be the moments you remember forever.

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Lady Gaga - Born This Way
2. Cee Lo Green - Forget You
3. Katy Perry ft. Kanye West - E.T.
4. Rihanna - S&M
5. Jennifer Lopez ft. Pitbull - On The Floor
6. Pink - F**kin' Perfect
7. Bruno Mars - Grenade
8. Enrique Iglesias ft. Ludacris & DJ Frank E - Tonight (I'm Lovin' You)
9. Britney Spears - Till The World Ends
10. Ke\$ha - Blow

Top Movies

1. Limitless
2. Rango
3. Battle: Los Angeles
4. The Lincoln Lawyer
5. Paul

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Black Swan
2. Mad Men: Season Four
3. Tangles
4. Little Fockers
5. Tron: Legacy

Top Albums

1. Lupe Fiasco - Lasers
2. 21 - Adele
3. Avril Lavigne - Goodbye Lullaby
4. REM - Collapse Into Now
5. Sara Evans - Stronger
6. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More
7. Marsha Ambrosius - Late Nights & Early Mornings
8. Justin Bieber - Never Say Never: The Remixes
9. Raekwon - Shaolin vs. Wu-Tang

Ticketmaster & LiveNation: Outrageous Fees for So-Called Convenience

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On March 11, tickets went on sale to the general public for the majority of the dates of Phish's Summer Tour 2011 Leg 1.

In order to purchase tickets online for one of these shows, I had to have both a Ticketmaster account and a LiveNation account.

I signed up for both accounts at around 12:40 that day, as the tickets were to go on sale at 1:00.

Once 1:00 came, I quickly clicked on the show date that I wanted tickets for. Ticketmaster then re-directed me to LiveNation, where I was informed that there were no tickets available.

I had to repeat the process two more times before being able to select tickets. LiveNation then gives you the option of how many tickets you want to buy, the price, and

the section.

The price varies, depending on which section you want to sit in. Once you choose the number of tickets, the price, and where you want to sit, the website brings you to a waiting screen.

Here you wait for an allotted amount of time. I had to wait 6 or 7 minutes for my request to be processed.

The timer would say I had four minutes to wait, and then tell me I had six minutes to wait.

When the loading screen re-directed me, my total ticket cost was so expensive that I decided to search for tickets again.

I chose from a wide variety of options, from the cheap lawn seats to the slightly more expensive open-air reserved seating.

Each time I wanted to change my options, I had to go through the aforementioned process yet again.

Once you got to the page where you chose whether

or not to actually purchase the tickets, a flashing timer appeared at the bottom of the screen, informing you that you had less than three minutes to confirm your purchase before the timer was up, forfeiting your tickets to someone else.

If this happened, you would have to search for tickets yet again. Finally, after more than 30 minutes of dealing with pricing and wait screens, I purchased three tickets.

The tickets themselves cost \$53 a piece. However, I had yet to look at the Facility Charge and the Convenience Charge.

The Facility Charge is the amount of money charged by the venue, which was \$7 a ticket. The Convenience Charge is the charge that really brings up the cost of your ticket order, at \$14 a ticket.

It is always cheaper to go to a box office, but my only option for getting these tickets was to go through Ticketmaster and LiveNation.

My total ticket order came to be over \$200. As a Phish fan, an avid concert attendee, and a college student on a fixed budget, this was a ridiculous amount to be paying to see a concert.

The problem with purchasing concert tickets online is that many websites are unreliable, such as eBay, Craigslist, and StubHub.

Scalpers flock to these sites and try to sell real or fake tickets at obscene prices of over \$100 a ticket, depending on the artist.

If you are going to be purchasing tickets online, the only option to ensure that you receive real tickets is to go through Ticketmaster and LiveNation.

These sites aren't cheap, and they aren't convenient at all. If you really want to attend a certain concert, you will deal with these sites and spend a lot of time and money on them, not to mention the stress that is involved when using them.

Top-Upcoming Music and Arts Festivals for 2011

Andrew Johnson
Voice Reporter

What: Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival

Where: Manchester, Tennessee

When: June 9th-12th

Top Acts: Buffalo Springfield (including Stephen Stills and Neil Young), Eminem, Lil' Wayne, Arcade Fire, Black Keys, The Strokes.

Price: \$250-

What: Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival

Where: Indio, California

When: April 15th -17th.

Top Acts: Kanye West, Animal Collective, Kings of Leon, Robyn, Duran Duran.
Price: SOLD OUT - check Craig's List/

Stub Hub.

What: Lollapalooza

Where: Chicago, Illinois

When: August 5th-7th.

Top Acts: Lineup not released- Rumored: Eminem, Girl Talk, Jane's Addiction, Crystal Castles, Muse.

Price: TBA

What: Nateva Music and Camping Festival

Where: Oxford, Maine

When: August 4th - 7th.

Top Acts: Gregg Allman, Bob Weir, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes, Ghostland Observatory.

Price: \$179 - \$425

What: Pitchfork Music Festival

Where: Chicago, Illinois

When: July 15th - 17th

Top Acts: Animal Collective, Cut Copy, DeerHunter, TV on the Radio.

Price: \$45 (1-DAY); SOLD OUT (3-DAY)

What: Primavera Sound

Where: Barcelona, Spain

When: May 26th-28th

Top Acts: Ariel Pink, Belle and Sebastian, Caribou, Deakin, Of Montreal, Sufjan Stevens.

Price: 70 € (1-DAY), 175 € (3-DAY)

What: Sasquatch Music Festival

Where: George, Washington

When: May 27th-30th

Top Acts: Death Cab for Cutie, Foo Fighters, Flaming Lips, Bright Eyes, Beach House.

Price: SOLD OUT- check Craig's List/ Stub Hub.

Book Review: "The Fifth Head of Cerberus"

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

"The Fifth Head of Cerberus," by Gene Wolfe, is both a novella and a collection of novellas of the same universe.

Here I will review the collection. The collection has three novellas based around the area of two planets, which have been colonized and lost by Earth.

The stories are loosely related, but for the most part distinct, and each has their own distinct style.

"The Fifth Head of Cerberus," the first of the three, and by far the strongest, is told from the point of view of a man, incarcerated for most of his life, whom is looking back on his childhood, explaining what series of events led him to be incarcerated in the first place.

The plot in this story is certainly the most interesting, and it is also the easiest story to read.

It is difficult to not give something away, but it has several twists in it you will certainly not see coming, and is enjoyable to all.

The characters each have some interesting trait that makes them interesting but does not totally define them, and the setting is portrayed in an excellent manner that really takes you to the world on which all of this takes place.

The second story, "A Story," by John V. Marsch, provides a completely different, albeit enjoyable, experience for the reader.

It tells the story of Sandwalker on Sainte Anne (one of the two planets) before human contact, and how his actions and journey affect the course of history on the planet forever.

This story is not as simple to read, using a more indirect style than the first, almost creating a tale that sounds like a legend.

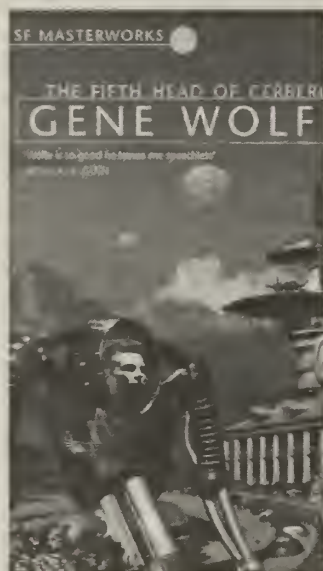


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The plot is somewhat hard to come by but you will find it enjoyable once all the pieces are put into place.

If you read this story, you will either love it or be incredibly confused by it.

The last novella, "V.R.T." is set around the time of "The Fifth Head of Cerberus" and concerns an anthropologist by the name of John Marsch, who has been imprisoned and is now under review for crimes against the government.

It takes the form of pieced together interviews and journal entries, as opposed to the previous two styles.

It requires careful reading to notice some of the more interesting parts of the story, but if noticed make this a very interesting read.

Overall, the collection is a well-styled book that will interest those who like something unusual.

8 out of 10.

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Movie Review: Shakespeare jokes, Metaphors, and Introspection in "Rango"



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Johnny Depp proves that cartoons can be fun for adults as well as kids.

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Over Spring Break, I went to the movies and saw "Rango."

From the previews I had seen, it looked like your average computer-animated kids movie with an all-star cast of voice actors.

However, don't let the previews fool you, as "Rango" is most certainly not a movie just for kids.

A combination of Shakespeare jokes, discussions of metaphor, a prostate exam joke, introspection, and political corruption take this movie to the next level.

Directed by Gore Verbinski (The "Pirates of the Caribbean" trilogy) and produced by Graham King

("The Aviator", "The Town"), "Rango" is an action-packed comedic western thriller ride.

The movie features an all-star vocal cast, including Johnny Depp, Abigail Breslin, Alfred Molina, Isla Fisher, and Ned Beatty, among others.

Johnny Depp stars as the voice of Rango, the pet chameleon that gets lost in the desert after his cage falls out of the back window of his owner's car.

He meets a wise armadillo who is searching for the Spirit of the West. A lizard named Beans (Isla Fisher) finds him in the desert and takes him to the aptly named desert town of Dirt.

The water reserves in town are dangerously low, which spells trouble for Rango along with the rest of the animals that live in Dirt.

This is not the case for John, the corrupt mayor of the town. We see that John has an ample supply of drinking water while the town dries up.

At one point in the movie, there is a run for water, reminiscent of the bank runs that occurred during that stock market crash before the Great Depression.

Later on in the movie, the water reserve is stolen from the bank.

Rango, now the sheriff of Dirt, goes out on a mission with a rag-tag posse to find the burglars.

Needless to say, the posse fails to recover the water.

I can't say anything else for fear of spoiling the movie, but if you are looking for a mature animated movie that is not only funny but intelligent, I highly recommend "Rango."

Have you seen any good movies lately?

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This year Spring Weekend will take place on campus Friday - Saturday, April 8 - 9. The Westfield State University Campus Activities Board will be presenting a number of contemporary music performances and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the University community are welcome to attend at no cost except for the Saturday concert in the Woodward Center (a \$10.00 concert ticket may be purchased at the Ely Campus Center Service Window) and where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

Day/Date	Event Schedule	Location
Friday, April 8		
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Themed Dinner	Dining Commons
9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Arvin Mitchell <i>Comedian</i>	Ely Main Lounge
10:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Brown Bag Bingo	Ely Main Lounge
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Midnight Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
Saturday, April 9		
10:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	CAB DJ for afternoon program	Campus Green **
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	BBQ Lunch	Campus Green *
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Novelties	Campus Green **
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Band - Thick As Thieves	Woodward Center
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Band - Travie McCoy, <i>Headliner</i>	Woodward Center
5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Commons
Rain sites: * = Dining Commons, ** = Ely Main Lounge		

Westfield State University Policy shall be enforced during Spring Weekend same as any other day on campus. Persons exhibiting disorderliness, intoxication, or any conduct in violation of University Policy may be immediately removed from any event and are subject to immediate removal from campus, protective custody, arrest and other appropriate University and legal action. All student conduct proscriptions, limitations and guidelines, shall be strictly enforced as articulated in the current *Westfield State University Student Handbook*. In addition to University Policy enforcement, the following special regulations apply from Friday, April 8 at 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, April 10 at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the University community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public. Furthermore, while there is no charge for admission to events with the exception of the concert on Saturday, April 9 at the Woodward Center, attendance at all indoor and outdoor venues will be monitored and controlled to ensure safety and order. University faculty/staff and student attendees are expected to present a valid Westfield State University ID upon request of officials.

Guests

Students are welcome to bring one non-WSU guest who is registered in advance. Guest registration takes place from Monday, March 21 - Tuesday, April 5 at the Ely Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours. Student hosts must register their guest in advance in order to receive an authorized Spring Weekend guest wristband.

Legal Beverages

Alcoholic beverage containers

including but not limited to individual containers, kegs and coolers are prohibited in public areas of the campus including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be transported to or from any program area on campus.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

Meals

Friday, April 8

Dinner - Full Salad Bar, Popcorn Chicken Wraps, Cheese Buffalo Chicken, White Cheese and Broccoli Pizzas, Chicken and Cheese Quesadillas, Grilled Cheeses, French Fry Bar, Homemade Meatloaf Stacker with Mashed Potatoes, Fried Onions, Gravy, Veggie Option and Steamed Veggies. Appetizer Plate with Mac and Cheese Bites, Mozzarella Sticks, Wings and Hot Fudge Sundae Bar

Midnight Breakfast - Pancakes with syrup, toppings and juice Saturday, April 9

Continental Breakfast - Cereal, bagels, fruit, juice, milk

BBQ Lunch - Hamburgers, boneless barbecue chicken, veggie burgers, pasta salad, tossed salad, sliced watermelon, oranges and bananas, brownies, cookies and beverages

Dinner - Regular dinner service in the Dining Commons

Meal Tickets

Complimentary meal tickets are available at the Dining Commons, Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8 for all persons on a WSU Meal Plan. Persons not on a Meal Plan may purchase Spring Weekend meal tickets at the Campus Center Service Window (Ely main level) from Tuesday, April 5 through Friday, April 8 during posted business hours. Meal tickets will also be sold at the Campus Green on Saturday, April 9.

Meal tickets are required for guests of Courtney Hall, Davis Hall, Dickinson Hall, Lammers Hall and Scanlon Hall residents (4/8 Dinner, 4/9 Lunch and Dinner - \$23.00).

Motor Vehicles

The following special regulations are in effect relative to motor vehicles:

Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times.

Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

Residence Halls

These policies are in effect from 12 p.m. on Friday, April 8 to 12 p.m. on Sunday, April 10:

Only current WSU students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period.

Residents are expected to present their validated WSU ID when entering a residence hall. Guests of residents on campus April 8 - 10 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

Guests are required to present a valid U.S. state-issued photo identification (or valid motor vehicle operator's license) and an authorized and properly affixed guest wristband.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance.

Woodward Center Concert

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at 333 Western Avenue (Horace Mann Center) or the Commuter Parking Lot. A valid WSU ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband and a purchased concert ticket are required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center. **A concert ticket may be purchased from Monday, March 21 - Friday, April 8 at the Campus Center Service Window for \$10.00.** Ticket sales are final - no refunds will be issued.

Individuals attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center must enter and exit the facility using only the main front or rear entrances. Side exits at the Field House are for emergency use only.

Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of bag/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

Smoking is prohibited inside of the Woodward Center and within 50 feet of the outside of the building.

Westfield softball brings experience back to the diamond

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls softball team had a great season last year, finishing with a record of 26-13 overall and 11-3 in conference play.

The Owls were looking forward to making a run in the MASCAC tournament but the season abruptly finished when the Owls lost two straight games to Salem State in the tournament.

Nevertheless, Coach Lou Ann Simchak's team is looking to put the past behind them this year and have a great season.

The team was ranked seventh in the New England Intercollegiate Softball Coaches Association Division III Preseason Poll and first in the MASCAC Coaches Preseason Poll.

Returning from last year's squad are five all conference players. Two of these players were MASAC players of year at their positions.

Senior third baseman Alicia Gardner returns as does the MASCAC pitcher of the year, flamethrower Madeline Tomich.

The Owls recently finished a nine game stretch of games during spring break week in which they played teams down in Florida.

It was a great learning experience for the Owls as they accumulated five wins and four losses.

It seems as if Tomich wants to add another trophy to her collection as she already has four wins and no losses in the young season. She has 27 strikeouts to go along with those four wins.

This Owls team will not scare any of their opponents

with their power, as the team has only hit one home run so far this season, but the team has a

harder to get in softball as base runner rules are different than in baseball. Players can only lead



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Westfield's softball team finished their trip to Florida with a 5-4 record.

great knack for getting crucial hits in games.

The team greatest strength is its speed. The team already has nine stolen bases this year, a statistic that is much

after the ball has left the pitcher hands.

The top two hitters in this young season for the Owls have been Molly Dunbar and Kristyn Carroll. Dunbar has hit

for .462 and Carroll leads the team in hits with 12.

One area in which the Lady Owls must improve on is in the defensive side. The team has already committed 21 errors on the season and need to cut down on that number if they want to stay in games.

Another big help for the Owls would be to find a consistent number two starter behind Tomich. Freshman Kerry Alcott has pitched in four games this season and has won one game.

But if the Owls want to make a strong push into this postseason they will need for Tomich to have some outstanding games, in which she is more than capable of providing.

The Lady Owls are still in their non-conference games and hope that the trip to Florida as well as their upcoming games can prepare them for when MASCAC play begins.

Westfield baseball ready for home schedule after Florida trip

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

Following a trip to Florida during spring break that saw Westfield State's baseball team finish 5-7, the Owls are set to begin play back in Massachusetts this week and start their MASCAC schedule in a little over a week.

The Owls are hoping to take home another MASCAC title this year coming off a season that saw the team finish 30-11, winning the MASCAC regular season championship and earning an at-large berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament before falling to Wheaton in the regional tournament.

Ranked third in the MASCAC pre-season coaches poll, Westfield's annual season-



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Coach Ray Arra talks to his team after a game in Florida.

opening trip to Florida was highlighted by a double-header sweep of UMass Boston and wins over Becker College, Rhode Island College and Roger Williams.

The Owls began the trip by splitting a double-header with Becker on March 12. Westfield blew a 2-1 lead in the first game and lost by a score of

5-3 but exploded offensively in the second game and won by a score of 18-2.

The second game featured a monster homerun by junior shortstop Matt Kelly and a solid pitching performance from senior Nick Noblit in his first start of the season.

Westfield won both games over UMass Boston on

March 15 by 5-4 scores. The second game of the double-header was highlighted by a game-tying two-run homerun by Andrew Medeiros in the seventh inning that sent the game into extra innings.

Medeiros was the clear hero of the game after later scoring the winning run for the Owls on a wild pitch in the ninth inning.

Kelly has been the Owls best hitter on the young season with a team leading 14 hits (.333 batting average) and eight RBIs.

Senior outfielder Jeff Ackerman and sophomore outfielder Alex Cloutier are tied for second on the team with 13 hits apiece. Cloutier leads the Owls with nine RBIs. Sophomore Tim Heintz has six hits (.400 batting average) and a

team leading four steals in five games this season.

Junior Aaron Messier has made two starts for Westfield and holds a 1-0 record and a 3.09 ERA with a team leading 11.2 innings pitched.

Noblit is 1-0 and leads the Owls with 13 strikeouts in two starts while junior Roman Mondalto is 1-0 with 10 strikeouts in two starts.

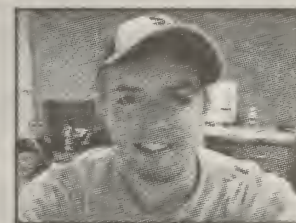
Weather has caused the Owls first games back in Massachusetts to be postponed and they are scheduled to make up their first home game of the season against Amherst College today, March 25.

Westfield will hope the weather will continue to improve and is set to play another home game next Wednesday, March 30 against Castleton State at 3:30 p.m.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



The best weekend of the year has come and gone as the first two rounds (or three I suppose) of March Madness are officially in the books.

It was four memorable days filled with bracket busting upsets and heart stopping buzzer beaters. Here is my take on the madness that was the first weekend of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

Best game of the weekend: Pittsburgh vs. Butler

You really thought Pitt would make it into the Final Four? Shame on you. Don't you know this team's history?

I had Old Dominion winning this game but after they lost on a buzzer beater to Butler in the first round, you better believe I was rooting hard for the Bulldogs.

I knew Pitt wouldn't make it to the second weekend. They just didn't have the star player that could win you a close game. That fact was evident in this second round (supposedly now called the "third round") thriller.

In a game that will be discussed for ages, the defending National Runner-up Butler Bulldogs played an outstanding game. Pitt played great as well, winning most of the statistical battles, but Butler was the better team on Saturday.

While the game will be remembered for ignorant fouls on both teams in the final few seconds – that almost gave the game away from Butler to Pitt and then back to Butler – it was the brilliant play of Shelvin Mack, the hustle of Matt Howard and the outstanding coaching of Brad Stevens that won this 71-70 nail biter for Butler.

All I can say is this: Brad Stevens for President.

Second best game: San Diego

State vs. Temple

The seventh seeded Temple Owls gave the Final Four favorite San Diego State Aztecs everything they had in this 71-64 double overtime thriller.

Temple kept fighting back with clutch three point shooting by foul plagued guard Juan Fernandez but couldn't quite get the ball in the basket during the second OT period.

San Diego State showed that the way to beat them is to stop Kawhi Leonard (easier said than done), create turnovers and hold them under 60 points in regulation. While the Aztecs barely scraped by, a game like this will only make them stronger.

Third best game: Texas vs. Arizona

This classic four-five matchup had one of the best finishes of the first four days. Arizona controlled the game for most of the contest but let up the lead late when Texas guard J'Covan Brown simply went beast mode.

Brown single handedly gave the Longhorns a late lead and a blocked shot by Texas with 13 seconds left seemed to seal the win.

Holding a two point lead and the ball, Texas did something I questioned at the time and will never understand: they called a timeout.

All that this did was help out Arizona. It forced Texas to inbound the ball – something they couldn't do – and created a recipe for disaster.

Struggling Arizona star Derrick Williams came up clutch when it counted and hit a circus shot plus the free throw to give the Wildcats a 70-69 lead.

Brown tried to draw

a foul with a few seconds left and a possible reach in foul on Arizona occurred after the final buzzer had sounded. What a game.

Most impressive teams: Ohio State and BYU

Ohio State looked simply dominant in its first two games, showing why they are the tournament's number one overall seed. The Buckeyes can get it done on the inside and outside, showing few weaknesses early on.

While they are clearly the favorite heading into next round, the Buckeyes haven't exactly been challenged. UTSA was a joke and this George Mason wasn't close to the team of 2006, barely beating a Villanova team that didn't deserve to be in the tourney.

Ohio State will get a real test when they face athletic Kentucky this week.

BYU has also impressed, beating a feisty Wofford team and manhandling a very good Gonzaga team without Brandon Davies. Maybe BYU doesn't need him after all.

The Jimmer is the most dominant player in every game he suits up in and could carry BYU on his shoulders to a Final Four.

Best Cinderella team (take that Jay Bilas): VCU

If the slipper fits, wear it. VCU has done just that in its first three games and has made the entire sports media world look foolish with its run to the Sweet Sixteen.

I don't want to pat my own back, but in our last issue before spring break I stated that "if VCU wins the Colonial tournament, they could make some noise in the Big Dance."

While they didn't win

the CAA, they still made it into the tournament and are certainly making some noise. I picked the Rams to get into the round of 32, but their upset over Purdue was not only shocking, but done in convincing fashion.

This is a team on a mission that reminds me of a certain 11 seed back in 2006... Final Four anyone?

Upset special I saw coming: Richmond

Picking Richmond over Vanderbilt was easy. Almost 40% of America had that. Richmond into the Sweet Sixteen? I was part of the 6% of America that had that one.

Richmond into the Elite Eight? Only half a percent of America picked that and you're reading one of the every two hundred people right now.

I love this Richmond team and truly believe in my pick that they will beat Kansas and reach the Elite Eight.

They have all the pieces you would want in a Final Four team and don't make mistakes. The Jayhawks better watch out.

Underdog team I didn't see coming: Marquette

This one took me by complete surprise, but Buzz Williams had his Golden Eagles ready to play. Marquette is showing the outstanding depth but lack of a single dominant team that exists in the Big East Conference.

Most heartbreaking loss: Kansas State

Outside of the fact that I had the Wildcats in my Final Four, seeing Jacob Pullen give every ounce of effort he had into this game and still come up short was hard to watch.

The press conference after the game where a reporter caused Pullen to cry was even

rougher. The media needs to watch out for Frank Martin.

Pullen has been the face of this team for four years and ended his career as Kansas State's all time leading scorer with an outstanding 38-point performance.

While Wisconsin won the game, Pullen can rest easy knowing that while he's playing pro ball in the future most of the Wisconsin team will be milking cows and working on the farm.

Under the radar team that could reach the Final Four: Florida State

The Seminoles play defense. And boy do I mean they play defense. When they hit shots like they did against the Irish, this team is unbeatable.

Remember, this is the same Florida State team that beat Duke in the regular season and now Chris Singleton is back – watch out.

Final note:

While there's a lot more I'd love to discuss, I find myself out of room. I'll end with this: embrace the upsets.

The upsets are what March Madness is all about. Keep in mind that you won't forget ridiculous buzzer beaters and stunning upsets, but you probably won't remember your actual bracket picks a year from now.

The upsets that bust your bracket is what this is all about. I'd much rather see Duke lose to Michigan (so close!), Pitt lose to Butler or Purdue lose to VCU despite the fact that it might kill my bracket.

Who cares about my bracket picks? They don't really mean anything to anyone. The memorable upsets are what make March Madness so unique and special. Embrace the upsets folks.

Ten tips for owners to utilize in fantasy baseball leagues

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

With opening day right around the corner, many people are starting to get back into fantasy baseball.

Here are 10 important tips to consider while managing your fantasy team.

1. Team name

Let's make this clear, this is the most important tip out of any I'll make throughout this list. While making your team name, consider your last name or a funny inside joke with other managers to incorporate into the name.

Remember, this is the face of your team and speaks about what kind of damage you'll do throughout the season. Ex: KoopaTroopa for my teams.

2. Review league scoring

Before you go into your offline or online fantasy draft remember to check out the league's scoring so you can choose your team accordingly.

You're going to be kicking yourself in June when you realize that all of the homerun hitters you've drafted don't mean as much as you thought.

3. Keep your biased opinions away from your draft

While you're drafting, remember to not draft your favorite players just because they play for your favorite team.

Get the guy who will help you win matchups. Avoiding these problems will pay off come September when you are scrapping for wins.

4. Set your lineup in advance

Everyone knows that the only bad part about Fantasy Baseball is that there are games every day. Having to check your league everyday is annoying, so avoid it by setting your lineup one time for the entire upcoming week.

That will help you to always put out your best team possible every day.

5. Pitchers, Pitchers, Pitchers

During the draft remember to choose solid pitchers early and often. A stout pitching staff can carry a team all season. Plus in most leagues pitching gets the most points.

6. Stay on top of the waiver wire

Remember to check in on the free agents in your league. This is most important in the first couple months of

the season when young players emerge out of nowhere.

These types of pickups will fill some of the holes in your roster as you go through the season. Last season's steal was 20 year old Jason Heyward of the Atlanta Braves. He racked up 72 runs batted in and homered 18 times.

If you get a guy like this, you'll put yourself in the front seat to win your league.

7. Draft smart

When you're drafting your team, remember to go with the proven players who produce every season over a potential star. A mistake like that can make the difference during the course of a season.

8. Stolen bases don't hurt

Drafting a player who can rack up stolen bases is a huge added bonus. The stolen bases stat in fantasy baseball is clearly over-weighted so draft players who can get that added plus. Ex: Jose Reyes

9. Draft a great second baseman

With such little depth of standout players at second base, try to draft a star like Chase Utley or Robinson Cano. If you wait till late in the draft to get a subpar guy you'll

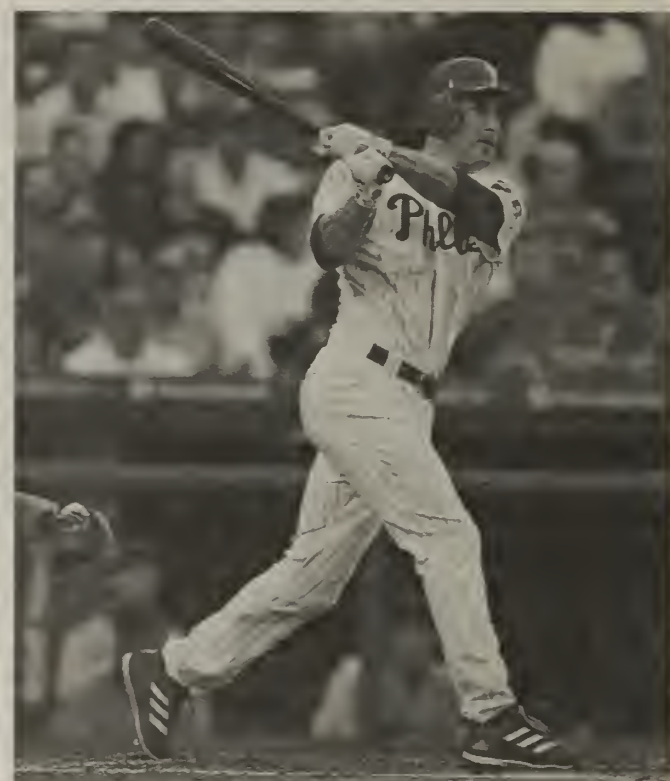


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Drafting a top second baseman like Chase Utley is a key to fantasy baseball success.

lose out on a lot of points.

10. Act like Spring Training never happened

Never ever look at Spring Training stats as foreshadowing for how a

player's seasons will pan out. MLB Spring Training never gives us a clear indication of how the season will go so don't use it as advice when drafting your team.



Upcoming Westfield State Home Games

Saturday, March 26

Men's and Women's Track - Jerry Gravel Invitational @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 29

Softball vs. Western Connecticut State (DH) @ 3:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Smith College @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30

Baseball vs. Castleton State @ 3:30 p.m.

Support your Owls!

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
If you're able to spend a little time focusing on some financial matters, you should really be able to straighten a few things out. Some family members ought to be willing to help you out as well.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
ou should be able to have a really good time with your partner this week, and any time spent together ought to help clear up any lingering issues between the two of you. It should really be a great time to talk about anything important in your relationship.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
Even if there are lots of different things for you to have to take care of this week, you really won't mind all that much. You should have the energy you need to handle everything.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
You'll be feeling very generous towards everyone around you, especially any romantic interests. It should be a great day for love and romance, so don't be afraid to express your emotions.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
There ought to be quite a few things for you to have to take care of on the home front. You'll be perfectly happy to deal with all your responsibilities at this time.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
r's a great time to let your loved ones know how you really feel. And if you have any kind of creative or artistic interests, now's a good time to put some thought and energy into any interesting ideas you might have.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
Everyone around you ought to find you very supportive. You're bound to be quite content to spend most of your time at home paying attention to your family and loved ones.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
You'll end up connecting with all sorts of different people this week. You'll be feeling a little opinionated though, and you won't be too shy about letting other people know exactly what you're thinking and feeling.

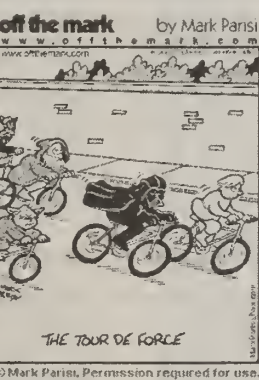
Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
Your focus will be directed more inward this week, and it wouldn't be a bad idea to spend a little time reflecting on a few personal issues that have been weighing on your mind lately.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
You should be feeling extremely sociable at the moment, and you'll be eager to connect with other people as much as possible. You may even end up being the center of attention.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
Whatever you end up dealing with this week, you'll be willing to make quite a few sacrifices for the sake of others.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
You'll have a bit of a taste for adventure and should be in a little more of a risk-taking mood than usual this week.

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Turn Your Summer Vacation into Resume Riches!

Thinking about going back to your waitressing, lifeguarding or landscaping job this summer? Why not do an internship instead? An internship is a great way to build up your resume, make professional contacts, test career goals and receive college credit. WSU students can receive up to 15 credits for doing an internship through Cooperative Education managed by Career Services or your Academic Department's Internship Program. Some WSU students have also received offers for full-time employment and assistance with graduate school from their internship sites.

There are a number of strategies that you can use to identify an internship:

- **Search online!** Here are some helpful resources:

Career Connections (WSU's online job and internship database): www.wsc.ma.edu/careercenter then click on Students
www.internhere.com (western MA and northern CT)

www.indeed.com

www.boston.com/jobs

www.idealists.org (non-profit)

www.internships.com

- **Talk with faculty, friends, career counselors and family.** Chances are someone will know of a great internship opportunity for you. Many academic departments maintain a listing of internship opportunities and both faculty and career counselors can help you identify internships based on your interests and career goals.
- **Attend job fairs!** Employers are not only seeking to fill their full-time positions, but also internships as well. Job fairs provide you with the opportunity to connect with a recruiter from the company face-to-face, which can make a significant difference in the search for an internship!

Want more information? Schedule an appointment with the Career Center by calling 413-572-5206 or by stopping by our office in Lammers Hall Annex.



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Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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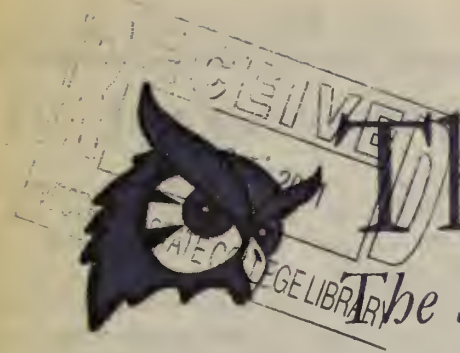
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Warnin^gst, don't spoil it!

Congress passes bill banning Internet inappropriateness

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Congress has just announced the passing of the "Internet Inappropriateness" bill. The bill states that no one can go on the Internet while drunk and cannot post sexual notations on a public service.

"The consequences are severe," said Senator Janseptuly, "and anyone who is caught will immediately feel the repercussions."

Anyone posting drunken statuses on Facebook, tweeting while drunk, or posting pictures of themselves drinking if they are under the age of 21 will be immediately arrested for underage alcohol consumption, the consequences of which have become much more extreme than they were in the past.

If you are caught "sexting" over the Internet or even talking about sexual matters, you will be immediately arrested for indecent exposure.

"No one wants to see that stuff so keep it to yourself," said Congressman Montusethef, one of the main supporters of this bill.

Questions arose with the "immediately arrested" portion of the bill because certain things are supposed to be private.

Not anymore. Congress initiated new technology and hired professional hackers from the CIA to tap into everyone's computers and monitor them daily.

CIA hacker Xii Kwang said, "It seems scary, but Congress and the CIA are just trying to make this world a better, cleaner place. Don't post illegal things, and we won't take action."

This bill created such a fuss with the tech-savvy community.

Avid Facebook user Julianne Tripacks said, "This is outrageous. I have everything secured on my page so hacker creeps can't get in and now they can anyway! Is anything sacred around here?"

A recently convicted indecent exposure arrestee said, "I just wanted to tell my girlfriend how much I loved her.

She really likes that stuff, you know? I didn't mean to break any laws..."

Not everyone feels that this bill is bad for the society. Dorris Diefew, mother of two teenage boys,

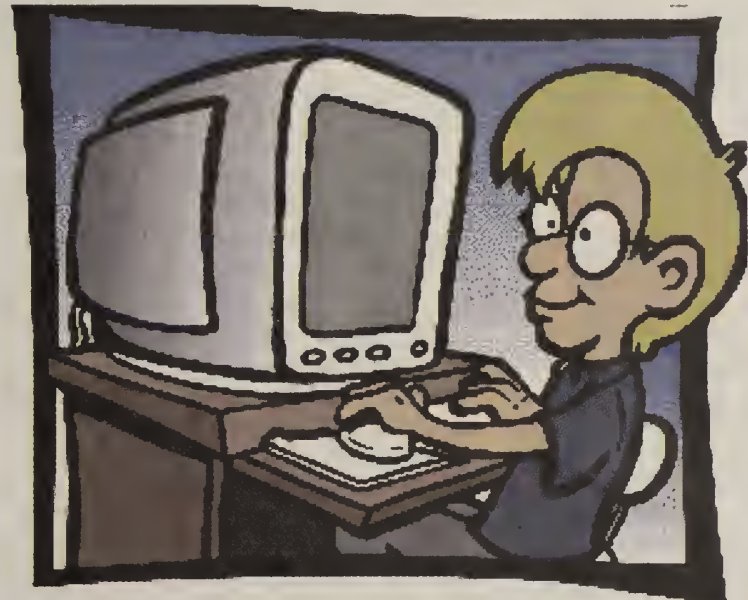


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Congress' "Internet Inappropriateness Bill" was passed last week in homes to promote Internet safety.

said, "This is great! It will keep my boys and all other teens and young men and women from ruining their lives on Facetweet or whatever it is! I applaud Congress on this."

Clearly there is controversy surrounding this bill, but like it or not, Congress has passed it into

law and it is effective immediately.

Get rid of all your indecent pictures and stop sexting your other half via Facebook because you will be caught. Sen. Janseptuly said, "It's inevitable. You break the law, we know it. You sext, we'll get you."

...April Fools!

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Friday, April 1
11:30a.m. - Film on
Women inmates
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7:00p.m. - Senate
Banquet
Chez Josef

Saturday, April 2
8:00a.m. - 17th Annual
Symposium
Scanlon Banquet Hall

8:00p.m. - MOVIE: The
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Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, April 3
8:00p.m. - MOVIE: The
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WSU students looking forward to spring weekend 2011

Emily Ford
Voice Reporter

"I wanna be a billionaire," everyone thinks it. However, Travie McCoy, lead singer of the group Gym Class Heroes, was the one to sing about it in 2010.

Now on April 9th, Travie McCoy along with his opener, Thick as Thieves, will be coming to Westfield State to entertain students and their guests.

Travie McCoy is one of

the biggest musical entertainers that Westfield has had come to their spring weekend bash in a while, and many students seem to be excited that the performer is someone whose music they like.

"I am going to spring weekend because it is Travie McCoy and I like his music," junior Ashley Markwarth said, "it also gives me something to do. The past spring weekends have been kind of boring, because I do not know who the performer is and I do not know their music, but I know who Travie McCoy is, so I cannot wait."

Starting April 8th, students will be able to see comedian Arvin Mitchell. He will be one of the things that kicks off Spring Weekend, along with a student favorite Brown Bag Bingo and a midnight breakfast.

On the 9th, students will be able to enjoy a continental breakfast, a DJ, and a BBQ lunch before Thick as Thieves performs. Michelle Ferullo, thinks that with a big name like Travie McCoy coming to Westfield State, this spring weekend will be one of the best.

"I like his music

and I think that because he is a big name, either solo or with Gym Class Heroes that this spring weekend will be packed with a lot of students and their guests, which should make it fun. I think that this will be one of the best spring weekends that I will remember for a long time," says Ferullo.

With Spring Weekend coming up fast, and with one of the hottest artists of the past two years going to perform for students, it seems like this is one of the things that students are looking forward to the most.

SGA Report: Registration issues to be minimalized

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

Vice President of Academic Life, Tony Iozzo announced that SunGard Technology has, "identified a number of bugs and defects" in the MyWestfield Portal regarding the registration system.

During the upcoming registration period, the portal will be, "logging students in in increments and will ramp up the number allowed in at a time as each group logs in," said Iozzo. There will be a two minute maximum wait

time if students do not get in the first time. "This will allow for MyWestfield to not completely crash," said Iozzo.

Iozzo also said an e-mail will be sent out to students with example screenshots of what you will see if you are not allowed into the portal on your first try.

Iozzo said, "They won't settle. IT and Sungard will keep working towards the eventual goal of 1,000 students being able to log in at once."

Stephanie Close announced the Alumni Association's fundraiser show, Fabulous. Tickets will be on going on sale soon at the Campus Center Service

Window. There are 48 seats reserved for students for \$10 a ticket.

The Alumni Association scholarship fund offers the Amos Francos Scholarship to those students who have made an impact on promoting diversity here at the university.

Mentor Day is April 13th in Scanlon Banquet Hall. There will be a question and answer panel at 3:00pm, and networking from 5:00-7:00p.m. Graduates from the Communication, Economics, and Political Science majors will be present. The next blood drive will be on April 13th in Parenzo.

The Class of 2014 will be hosting a Musical Chairs event on Wednesday April 27th. Half hour sessions will run at 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30 on the campus green. Sign up now with Barbara Hand in SGA located in the basement of Ely. Tickets are only \$1.00 and proceeds will be going to benefit the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation.

Nomination signature papers for Student Government positions are available now in the SGA office. They are due back by Tuesday, April 5 at 5:00p.m.

The next Student Government meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5 at 5:30p.m.

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Interview with Jerry Hayes: Past, present, and future renovations for WSU

Austin Hall
Voice Reporter

Jerry Hayes is the Vice President of Administration and Finance for Westfield State University and knows a lot about the past, present, and future renovations that have taken place on campus.

In order to find out a little more about the renovations that have gone on and will continue to go on for the campus, this reporter sat down with him on Friday, March 25 to ask him about the nuts and bolts of determining who decides what when it comes to renovating this university and what the big plans are.

Q: What is upcoming in terms of renovations?

A: Well the major projects that are underway on campus are first the expansion of Tim and Jeanne's [Dining Commons] and that is a \$4 million project that will expand the seating capacity. The work will begin around the first of May and we expect it will be complete by the time the students come back in the fall.

Q: How much will it expand?

A: It's about 200 to 300 additional seats, so it's a substantial addition.

Q: Are there any other plans for renovations?

A: The next project is the construction of the new residence hall on campus, and that would have roughly 400 beds. It would cost around \$50 to \$60 million.

We hope that that will be in construction in a year and that it will be open in the fall of 2013.

The site that is under consideration is the site over

between Ely and Lammers.

The third project is a new academic building that would be between Wilson Hall and the commuter parking lot.

The budget for that is \$33 million and it probably won't get into construction for another two years and it will take roughly 18 months to build. Beyond that we're going to be launching this summer an increase in our deferred maintenance program.

We need to take a look at the condition of all of our buildings on campus as well as the grounds and we're going through the process of setting priorities among competing needs and determining what projects should be financed.

Q: Is the new academic building going to hold a specific major?

A: The current plan is that that building will house the Computer Science, Math, and Business departments.

Q: Who usually makes the decisions with making new renovations?

A: Well, the ultimate decisions are made by the Board of Trustees.

But it's a participatory process and we get input from all of the different segments of the campus community and then we try to compare all the competing needs and prioritize them with the resources until they're exhausted.

Q: Would any of these renovations disrupt student activity on campus?

A: The expansion of Tim and Jeanne's is going to occur during the summer. A new residence hall will probably require the relocation of the parking lot. So we're looking at other places on campus for that parking lot to go to.

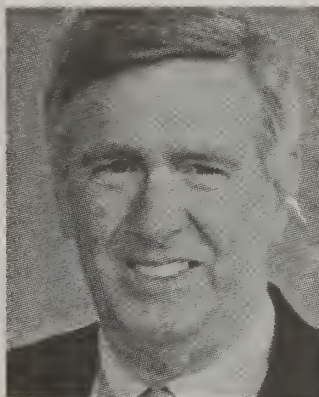


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Jerry Hayes speaks out about the renovation plans for WSU.

On the new academic building, which is a couple of years down the road, there might be a loss of some parking in the commuter parking lot while it's under construction.

Q: Since there is going to be a new residential building, is that a result of more students being accepted than there used to be?

A: No, not really. Our enrollment is about 4,500 and the intent is to keep it at 4,500. It's intended to address the unmet demand for student housing that exists now. We currently have a situation where we've got about 150 triples on campus.

If you have 150 triples that really compromises the lifestyle of 450 people because of three people that lives in those rooms is inconvenienced. Beyond that, we have more demand for dormitory space then we're able to satisfy, so, some students are forced to commute when they'd rather live on campus.

Q: What will be done about Lansdowne Street?

A: We got a lease, a ten-year lease and the ten-year term begins in August.

Interview with Dan Provost: Life as an Institutional Security Officer

Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

There is a group of people at Westfield State that are here to protect us. In the Residential Halls, the people who help the RAs handle situations that get out of control are the ISOs.

An ISO is an Institutional Security Officer. They are present in the dorms to keep the residents safe from outside harm and to keep them from harming themselves.

Dan Provost is one ISO whom this reporter sat down with to discuss what an ISO does. His goal is to show students that he is not just here to get them in trouble, but to keep them safe.

Q: How did you become an ISO?

A: I went online to fill out the application, and I was selected for an interview.

Q: When did you become an ISO?

A: August 20th of 2009.

Q: Who did you learn the most about the position from while training?

A: There wasn't anything just from one person, it was a combination. I had hands on training with about four other guys and the training was for two or three weeks.

Q: What are some of your day to day duties?

A: We do rounds of the building making sure doors that need to be locked are locked, making sure the halls are quiet during quiet hours. We also look for maintenance issues, like lights that are out and stuff like that. We check in with the RAs. Our basic duty is to observe and report to public safety.

Q: What is your favorite thing about the job?

A: I love working with, and interacting with, the kids.

Q: Do you ever get nervous when you knock on a door?

A: No, I am 6 ft. 2 inches, and 270 pounds, nothing makes me nervous.

Q: What are some of the most common things you see?

A: On the weekends it's alcohol, and during the week it is just people being noisy past quiet hours.

Q: You work very closely with the RAs, what is that relationship like?

A: I think I have a great relationship with all the RAs. I have a lot of fun talking to them. I have interesting conversations with them. To be where I am in life, it's fun to hear what their outlook on life is.

Q: Do you think more colleges should make use of ISOs?

A: Yes, the police officers have so much to deal with all day, and the ISOs are a great extra set of eyes for the campus police, and I think that ISOs are an important part of residential life on college campuses.

Q: Do you think WSU needs more ISOs?

A: Yes, especially in the future. Some ISOs might be leaving, and we will need someone at Lansdowne, and we will need someone for the new Res Hall that is supposed to go up in the next few years.

Q: What is one thing you hope to never run into?

A: Weapons

Dan hopes that this interview will make people see that he is not here to get people in trouble. ISOs are a part of the residence halls. So next time you see one of the ISOs whether it is Dan, Sherri, Jason, Bill, Mr. Z, Mr. Brown, Larry, Mr. Mooney or any new ISOs, say hi and have a quick conversation with them.

President Obama's address on Libya

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

The United States is not the world police and the mission to Libya does not need to be financially or militarily supported by the U.S. any longer.

That is precisely why President Obama announced on Monday night that U.S. involvement in the Libyan crisis is changing and that it will be limited to a "supporting role" within the mission of the broader coalition dedicated to dealing with this conflict.

That coalition, consisting of European nations like France, the UK, and Spain, and some Arab countries, has received international support and shares the same goal of protecting the human rights of the Libyan people.

Obama emphasized in his speech that NATO will soon take on a more leading role in the coalition to ensure that the cost to American military personnel and taxpayers is limited.

The President argued that the U.S. accomplished the goal it set out to achieve in our intervention in Libya, that this mission was carried out swiftly, and that it stopped dictator Qaddafi's forces from the violating the safety and rights of the Libyan people.

Obama explained that "it was not in our national interest" to let the Libyan city of Benghazi "suffer a massacre" and so to do the right thing and to protect the liberty and rights of these people, the U.S. intervened.

Taking responsibility, Obama claimed that "after consulting the bipartisan leadership of Congress, I authorized military action to stop the killing and enforce U.N. Security Council Resolution



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President Obama speaks out about Libya in his address on March 28, 2011.

1973."

According to Obama, the U.S. worked with the coalition to support this U.N. Resolution and responded to "a plea for help from the Libyan people themselves" who could have been subjected to horrific violence from their dictator's armed forces. Shortly after President Obama finished his speech, he received criticism from some congressmen.

Republican senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham asserted that removing Qaddafi's regime is the goal of the U.S. and that instead of transition to NATO, the U.S. should make efforts to change the regime through military force.

Obama did say that an overthrow of Qaddafi would be better for the Libyan people and that he would pursue it in non-military ways to avoid the killing of civilians and to avoid putting American soldiers at great risk.

As Obama explained, "we went down that road in Iraq."

Another critic, Speaker of the House John Boehner, had his spokesman argue that "Americans still have no answer

to the fundamental question: What does success in Libya look like?"

One might be tempted to ask Boehner, supporter of Bush's Iraq War, what does success in Iraq look like?

Considering that the Iraq War is eight years old and the U.S. is still stuck in that situation, this is a fair question. Success in Libya will look like whatever the Libyan people want it to look like.

That is not the role of the U.S. and Obama was correct in joining the coalition to avoid a massacre of Libyan citizens and then handing over the mission to NATO forces.

The correct role of the United States is to provide aid and assistance to the Libyan people, which is exactly what will happen after the transition to NATO occurs.

Obama may have made this speech for political reasons, but he could also have learned from the Rwandan genocide in the 1990s and the Darfur genocide in the last decade.

Perhaps that was why President Obama "refused to wait for the images of slaughter and mass graves before taking action."

Editor's Desk



Hi!

Yes, I'm back to speaking in English from now on. Can you believe we made the paper 20 pages last week? We're told that it's the first time that has happened in years! We've been getting a lot of compliments on it too, which is really encouraging. We really appreciate all of you for reading the paper!

Anyway...snow. We can't seem to get rid of it. I guess I shouldn't whine, since we do live in New England, but it's so had not to complain about it!

We're getting to the end of the semester (it went by so fast!) so I want to wish everyone good luck, and to tell Tom that yes, you can be in the Student Spotlight :)

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By Samantha Fahey

Elvis Presley – Born January 8, 1935



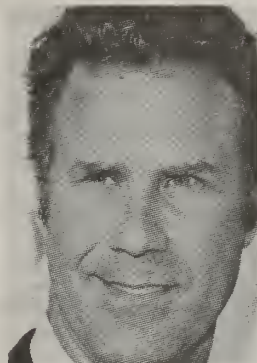
With the recent sightings of Elvis in supermarkets and at cook-outs, it is clear that the King has not left the building. Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi in his own home that was built by his father. He

found his inspiration for music while attending church every Sunday. During his teenage years, the family moved to Memphis, Tennessee. In high school, he failed his music classes, and one of his teachers told him he had no talent for singing. During his junior year, he started to stand out among his classmates, largely because his appearance, which consequently turned him into a "sex symbol." In 1956 he made his first recordings in Nashville. Crowds and audiences would melt whenever

he'd walk on stage or appear on TV, and that was even before he began acting in movies like "Love Me Tender." Elvis was rumored to have passed away from a drug overdose on August 16, 1977 but we all know that that simply isn't true. Since that rumored "death" he has been seen all over the country at his fit age of 76, and his music is only becoming more popular. If you want to see where Elvis is now, go to elvissightingbulletinboard.com. As for the last section...April Fools!

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Will Ferrell– Died April 1, 2011



John William Ferrell was born in Irvine, California as an only child. In high school, he was the star kicker for the Varsity football team. He enrolled at the University of Southern California where he majored in

journalism with a concentration in Sports Broadcasting. In 1995 he joined the cast of Saturday Night Live and made a name for himself with his hilarious impressions of George W. Bush, Alex Trebek, and Neil Diamond, to name a few. During his seven-year run on SNL, Ferrell appeared in numerous movies, the most popular being Zoolander and two Austin Powers movies. His most famous movies to date are 2003's Elf, Anchorman in 2004, and 2006's Talladega Nights: The

Ballad of Ricky Bobby. In 2010 he was executive producer of The Other Guys, in which he starred alongside Mark Wahlberg and other big names in Hollywood. Early today, Ferrell was driving along Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles when a naked man ran out into the road in front of Ferrell's car. Blinded by the sun reflecting off of the man's potbelly, Ferrell swerved off the road and hit a giant alpaca; he had no chance of survival. As for the last section...April Fools!

Goodbye MP3: Vinyl LPs are back

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

As many people know, the music business has been struggling, especially with a fall in CD sales and the rise of the MP3 file. Who needs to buy a full CD when you can just download the single off of iTunes? The recording industry has come up with an answer: Vinyl LPs are going to be widely manufactured once again.

CDs are no longer being made and MP3s are in the process of being taken off the Internet.

Now, if you want to buy music, you will have to buy a vinyl record: a 33-rpm or a 45-rpm. Turntables are being updated and renovated so the sound quality is even better than the highest quality CD.

The record store is now

becoming a majority instead of a minority. You will now be able to find a small, locally owned record store or two in every town.

Now a music listener will be forced to buy a whole album, and therefore they will

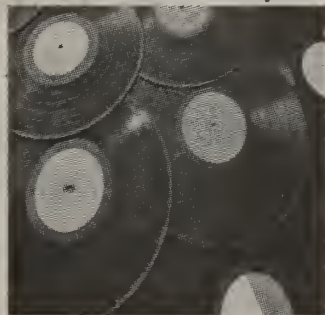


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hear all of the tracks in their proper order instead of just getting an MP3 of the single. As for those who just want the single, 45s will also be available.

The concept album and the rock opera can make a comeback now that the art of the album has been restored. Listeners will be able to hear a band's album as it was originally conceived and intended to be listened to.

This is also good news for those who work in design and media arts as these albums will need album artwork for their covers. Companies that are now obsolete can now come back with a vengeance by creating interesting record covers.

Due to the ready availability of new vinyl pressings, prices will drop from the \$30 or \$40 price for newly pressed vinyl records back to \$10 or \$20, which is about what a CD would cost. So, get rid of your CDs and MP3s, because the LP is back!

...April Fools!

Bob Dylan's "Friday" a pop hit

Andrew Mertes
Voice Reporter

More controversy has emerged this week surrounding Rebecca Black's viral music video "Friday." The audiophiles working at the Bob Dylan Musicology Institute have uncovered a decades-old vinyl featuring the song as originally recorded by Bob Dylan.

"'Friday' was featured on the B-side of an obscure limited release in Dylan's early days," said Robert Zimmerman, president of the institution. "We were all kinds of shocked when we heard Ms. Black portraying the song as a pop anthem."

It is good that today's kids are listening to Mr. Dylan, but we all thought it would be easier to spread Mr. Dylan's message if everyone knew the song's origin."

"It was conceived as a tetralogy," said researcher

Elston Gunn. "The first song was primarily worked on by John McCartney. Pressured by Capitol Records, McCartney was forced to change the song's title and release it on the Help! album."

Despite having the first song taken from him, Dylan decided to continue the project with "Friday."

The song's often ridiculed lyrics begin to make more sense when taken in context with the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's.

"The lyrics 'Kicking in the front seat. Sitting in the back seat. Gotta make my mind up, which seat do I take?' are clearly referring to Rosa Parks' thoughts during her famous refusal to give up her bus seat to a white woman in 1955," said Gunn.

Representatives of Rebecca Black could not be reached for comment.

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The peas in his Pod: One student's top four albums

Peter Francis
Voice Reporter

Since my NCAA bracket got flushed down the toilet, I haven't been as up on sports as I should be (I normally write for the sports section). But to pass the time, I've been listening to a lot of interesting music. So I've decided to try and contribute to another section of The Voice this week.

My first installment is a pretty varied group. So let's keep it short with four albums that have been in constant rotation for me in the past week or so.

K.I.D.S – Mac Miller

The Pittsburgh rapper's meteoric rise to underground notoriety (culminating with the release of his highly anticipated mixtape "Best Day Ever" and him being honored as one of XXL Magazine's top "freshmen" of 2011) wouldn't be possible had it not been for the release of this gem in 2010.

A showcase of the 19 year old's quick wit, carefree style, and chameleon-like flow, Miller can rhyme about youth culture one moment, then switch gears to more serious subject matter, a rare gift for someone so young. While "BDE" is blowing up the Internet right now, "K.I.D.S" is a favorite of mine still.

Favorite Track: "The Spins"

His 12 Greatest Hits – Neil Diamond

Anyone who has ever visited Fenway Park knows who Neil Diamond is, as his signature hit "Sweet Caroline" is played every game during the 7th inning stretch.

However, anyone who dismisses the Jewish Elvis as a one hit wonder is terribly mistaken, for there was far more

to this talented performer as this wonderful collection alludes. Diamond is an all time great, and anyone who appreciates the catchy pop melody of "Sweet Caroline" can find something else to dig here.

Favorite Track: "Shilo"

Newport '63 – John Coltrane

My History of Jazz professor, Mr. Coutsouridis, will be pleased to see this inclusion, for I must include one of the greatest jazz artists ever. This may be his definitive performance at the Newport Jazz Festival on July 7th, 1963 in Newport, Rhode Island.

Coltrane's passion and technique on the Tenor and Soprano Saxophone is evident during this performance, as he demonstrates a technical mastery that had never been seen before prior to his arrival on the Jazz scene.

Coltrane's death from liver cancer in 1967 at the age of 40 shocked the music world, and adds a hint of eerie tragedy and sadness to the recording. This is an important piece not to be missed by any music fan.

Favorite Track: "My Favorite Things"

Rapture – Anita Baker

One of my Mother's favorites, "Rapture" represents the commercial and artistic peak of Anita Baker, an absolute legend in R&B and Soul music.

In 1986, Ms. Baker was on top of the world, and the album oozes of smooth style and 80s soul ethos. As a child I can remember listening to this cassette (remember those!?) in my kitchen.

I believe this album is a treasure, one of the most important soul albums of the '80's, and one not to be missed.

Favorite Track: "You Bring Me Love"

Editor's Desk



Hey!

So I have some things to clarify about my Editor's Desk in last week's issue. First, Editor's Desks are not supposed to be "professional" works. They are my thoughts for the week. I say things with emphasis and sometimes write them out longer (i.e. reaaaally) and also use things like smiley faces. Both of which I would never, ever use in a real news article.

Second, I did not say the sessions from Paris were boring because, in fact, I learned a lot and took a lot out of each and every one of them. I didn't think you, as readers, would be interested in the details for every single session one after the other.

Third, I just want to say that Samantha and I work SO hard on this paper. We know that sometimes we have errors in grammar or typos or facts, we aren't perfect. However, we spend a lot of hours up here, unpaid, because we love doing it. Constructive criticisms are always welcome, but please keep all of this in mind. We aren't professionals yet, but we aim to be. I can only speak for myself when I say that journalism is something I have been interested in for years and this opportunity I have on the paper is extremely important and special to me. And I know that I personally work very hard to put out a paper each and every week. Paris was just another way for me to gain more experience and knowledge about the field I am so happy to be a part of. Sorry to be such a Debby Downer this week, but I felt that certain things needed to be said. Please keep reading!

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Top Areas Where Government Is Hiring

- Medical and Public Health
- Security and Protection
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Legal
- Administration/ Program Management

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Top 10 Singles

1. Lady Gaga - Born This Way
2. Katy Perry ft. Kanye West - E.T.
3. Rihanna - S&M
4. Cee Lo Green - Forget You
5. The Black Eyed Peas - Just Can't Get Enough
6. Glee Cast - Loser Like Me
7. P!nk - F**kin' Perfect
8. Chris Brown ft. Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes - Look At Me Now
9. Bruno Mars - Grenade
10. Jeremih ft. 50 Cent - Down On Me

Top Movies

1. Limitless
2. Sucker Punch
3. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
4. The Lincoln Lawyer
5. Rango

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Little Fockers
2. Tron: Legacy
3. Casino Jack
4. Country Strong
5. The Paranoids

Top Albums

1. Adele - 21
2. Rise Against - Endgame
3. Lupe Fiasco - Lasers
4. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More
5. Avril Lavigne - Goodbye Lullaby
6. Travis Barker - Give The Drummer Some
7. Marsha Ambrosius - Late Nights & Early Mornings
8. Celtic Thunder - Heritage

WrestleMania XXVII: Where does WWE go from here?

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

For 27 years, one Pay-Per-View event culminated a year's worth of storylines and matches. The creation of the wonderful spectacle that is WrestleMania is considered the "Superbowl" of sports entertainment.

Developed by Vince McMahon, the chairman of the billion-dollar industry that is the WWE, WrestleMania XXVII is being held this weekend in Atlanta, Georgia.

Now for most people when you think of the WWE, many images probably come to your mind: whether it is "fake" wrestling, the crazy storylines, the blood, the crazy fans, or the many iconic matches.

However, if you looked closely at the WWE over the last couple of years, you will see a transition away from some of these stereotypes that were once believed. The WWE made the decision to change the rating of their programming from TV-14 to PG.

There are many reasons why this change occurred, but in reality, it was bound to happen eventually.

Most in the wrestling community feel that change really occurred because of Vince McMahon's wife, Linda, running for the United States Senate, as well as a new marketing deal with Martel Industries.

This change has had many effects to the wrestling industry, as their programming has tried to become more kid and family oriented.

Therefore, because of the change in programming, fans of more mature ages have felt alienated by the product that is produced.

Real fans of the WWE know what this industry

used to be. During the Monday night wars of the late 90s, WWE ran programming that shattered its competition and had strong ratings.

With stars like Stone Cold, The Rock, the Undertaker, Triple H, and Shawn Michaels, things were looking great for this company.

However, as with any industry or sport, the stars get older and younger stars must be able to carry the torch of past superstars. It remains to be seen, though, if these new and upcoming stars can actually carry the burden that was placed upon them.

Now this is not to say that these performers are not great athletes, but rather because of the recent restrictions that have fallen upon WWE writers, characters are not perceived as real stars.

It is a real problem when the biggest star in the WWE, John Cena, is hated and booed by half the crowd. Whenever Cena speaks on the microphone, you can hear two loud chants from any arena: "Let's Go Cena" led by young children and females, and a "Cena Sucks" chant by older males.

Therefore, it was a bit surprising when Vince McMahon was able to lure Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson back into the WWE and tear apart his number one superstar.

The last time fans saw him was seven long years ago, when the iconic superstar retired from the "sport" and became a movie star. So when the Rock returned to Monday Night Raw and gave an amazing promo in which he used all of his great catchphrases, fans were left confused on who they should root for.

Should they root for the man that left the company for seven years, but represents a time at which the company was at its highest point? Or root for

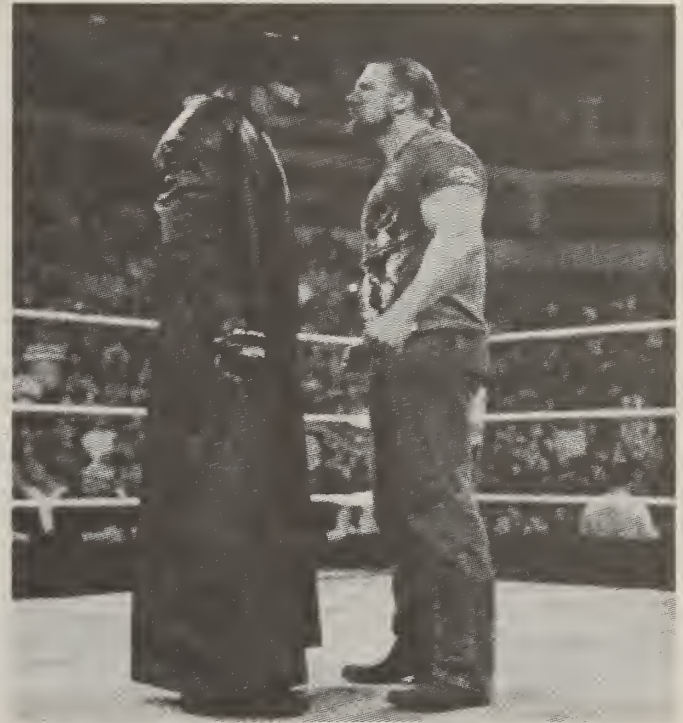


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Although Undertaker vs. Triple H is a good fan-favorite match, the WWE isn't showing anything new in their matches for WrestleMania XXVII this year.

the man who leads the company in an attempt to portray a positive image to the media.

Another key problem that the WWE has had recently is promoting young up and coming stars.

One of the headline matches at WrestleMania is the Undertaker and Triple H. The Undertaker will put his 18 and 0 record at stake at WrestleMania against "the game."

But though it probably will be a great match put on by these two legends, I find a problem in it.

Both the Undertaker and Triple H are getting up there in age, and having two legends face off against each other is something that most fans have already seen (The Undertaker defeated Triple H at WrestleMania XVII).

The problem that I see is with the development of this match. In both of these promos leading up to this clash,

they both buried the talent on the roster of the WWE.

Now as a fan, I don't feel that it is appropriate to downgrade your talent and basically say that they are not on your level. Well, if two of the most popular and legendary superstars say this, then the fans will listen and agree with them.

The WWE made the mistake of matching two aging superstars against one another when they had the great opportunity to place a young superstar in the ring with The Undertaker or Triple H.

Whatever the case may be, the WWE heads into WrestleMania with a lot of momentum, having the return of the Rock, two legends facing off against one another, and the wrestling debut of Snooki (yes, Jersey Shore's Snooki) will undoubtedly help in attempting to attempt to bridge the gap between old WWE fans and young WWE fans.

Westfield student experiences the Sweet Sixteen

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

Throughout my life I have seen countless amounts of sporting events in multiple arenas, stadium and fields across the Midwest and Northeast.

Some of these include MLB, NFL, NCAA football and regular season college basketball. None of the games I have ever been to even come close to comparing to the experience of the East Regional of the Sweet Sixteen round in person in Newark, New Jersey.

Being a diehard Ohio sports fan I felt obligated to see my Buckeyes face off in the East Regional down in the Brick City.

Selection Sunday was the day I made my best purchase of all time. The new Prudential Life Center in Newark was the site for the 2011 NCAA Men's Basketball Sweet Sixteen East Regional.

This event was like nothing I have seen before. Four universities' biggest fans crowded the streets of Newark, New Jersey to cheer on their teams to the Elite Eight.

North Carolina, Mar-

quette, Kentucky and Ohio State were the four teams facing off on March 25th in the house Brodeur built.

Some of the fan bases attending this round of the tournament were among the largest fan bases in the country.

License plates from Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky and North Carolina lined the streets of Newark for one of the most exciting sporting events in our country's history.

Waiting in line to become the first fans admitted into the stadium that night paid off as I was the first person to walk in the Prudential Center, gazing at an open arena. Imaging what it would look like with a packed sold out crowd of 18,000 strong left me speechless.

In such a broken down city filled with old brick buildings held one of the best sports complexes I have ever witnessed. Having the chance to see back to back games was one of the many features which made the Sweet Sixteen so special.

The first game between eleventh seeded Marquette and second seeded North Carolina acted as a warm up matchup for Ohio State's battle with the Kentucky Wildcats.

Watching the Tar Heel

faithful celebrate after their team's trouncing over Marquette made me anxious to see Ohio State's predicted win happen.

Watching the game in person with a mixed crowd



made an interesting game that was much better to watch. The battle of cheering got intense down the stretch as everyone tried to cheer just a little bit louder than the opposing fan next to them.

The Ohio State game against Kentucky was exciting, nerve racking, surprising and as shocking as they come these days. Back and forth all game, the two teams traded punches throughout the night.

As both teams were

unable to go on more than a 4-0 run, talking amongst other fans around me we all figured the team with the ball at the last moment of the game would most likely come away with a win.

The weight shifted in the arena when Kentucky took a three point lead with 25 seconds left in regulation.

Coming out of a timeout, Ohio State's Jon Diebler, the all-time three point shooter in Big Ten history, hit a clutch three to tie up the game.

Brandon Knight, a freshman from Kentucky who was shut down all game being held to six points, hit a mid range jumper in Aaron Craft's eye with five seconds to go. Ohio

States point guard Aaron Craft frantically dribbled up the side of the court passing it to William Buford down the seam.

Buford took a good looking shot for three with time expiring holding the fate of my well being in his hands. Unfortunately, Buford's horrible night of 2-16 shooting continued as he missed the shot which will be added to the list of failures amongst my beloved sports teams.

Left speechless, I stood there in Mezzanine section 107, row eleven, and seat four thinking about whether or not they really just lost.

Leaving the stadium didn't make anything easier as I was forced to watch Kentucky's fans celebrate right in front of me until I left the parking lot. Encouraging news came later in the night as Ohio State's star freshman Jared Sullinger said he would be returning for his sophomore year and passing on the NBA draft, giving me hope to believe.

Although the night didn't end up how I thought it would, I wouldn't do anything differently. The Sweet Sixteen is a unique sporting that everyone should to attend in their lifetime.

How the Celtics learned to stop worrying and love nuclear fallout rain

Andrew Johnson
Voice Reporter

It was discovered this week that radiation from the crippled nuclear plant in Japan is showing up in rain in the United States.

A sample of rainwater in Boston showed concentrations of radiation, most likely from the damaged Japanese nuclear power plant disaster, according to health officials.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health

said Sunday about the sample taken March 22 said that air samples taken, as well as water samples taken from the Quabbin and Wachusett reservoirs, have detected concentrations of radioiodine-131 in rainwater.

"The drinking water supply in Massachusetts is affected by this short-term, slight elevation in radiation," said the commissioner of public health.

He went on to say, "Until the Japan nuclear plant is stabilized, trace amounts of I-131 may continue to be detected as it rains in Massachusetts."

Should people worry about kids playing in the rain, pets drinking rainwater or people eating vegetables from their garden? Maybe - if it wasn't during basketball season and the Boston Celtics weren't in a slump.

Officials say the small amount of radioactive material could give the C's the final edge they need to charge into the playoffs and reclaim the championship trophy.

Not that they need it, but what the hell, a little radioactive boost couldn't hurt.

Coach Doc Rivers and health officials are encouraging all Celtics players to stand in the rain and absorb as much of the superpower inducing radiation as possible, so they will be unstoppable by the time the playoffs begin.

"We like to say that we bleed Celtic green," a health official spoke. "But if they get wet enough, their blood might actually get a slight green tint and allow them to jump higher than normal."

This might be just what we need to get a Championship

trophy and shut those Lakers up. I'm glad it doesn't rain that often in LA, because they don't have a chance now.

Trace amounts of radiation have also been detected in air samples in several western U.S. states, but at levels too small to affect superhuman strength.

This makes the Celtics organization feel very confident about their chances this year. As long as the rains stay away from Chicago, Miami and Los Angeles, we got this.

...April Fools!

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



Butler and Virginia Commonwealth are in the Final Four.

No, this is not some kind of April Fools' joke – but you might think that if you didn't watch last weekend's games.

With Butler, VCU, UConn and Kentucky in the Final Four, brackets have been busted across the country.

Only two people out of almost six million who entered their brackets on ESPN.com correctly picked these Final Four teams.

I might never see a crazier tournament or unbelievable Final Four in the rest of my life – that's how stunning this Final Four is.

This is why they call it March Madness. This is what the tourney is all about.

Here's a rundown on how the four teams playing for a national title in Houston made it through their two games last weekend.

Butler- In what I would consider the best game of the tournament thus far, Butler came back from an 11 point deficit with under ten minutes left to shock Florida 74-71 in overtime on Saturday.

It was an unbelievable game to watch as Florida seemed to be in control for most of the contest. But Butler never quit, and despite Matt Howard's struggles and subpar shooting, Shelvin Mack came through in the clutch and willed the Bulldogs to a victory.

It's been a tournament run full of drama for Butler.

The Bulldogs escaped with a two-point win on a Howard buzzer-beater in its first game against Old Dominion and a one-point win on a late free throw against Pitt.

Butler's win over Wisconsin last Thursday was the first time the team controlled and dominated the entire game on both ends of the floor. This Bulldogs team is scrappy and has an amazing will to win.

Head coach Brad Stevens became the youngest coach in NCAA history to reach the Final Four twice and trails just nine active coaches on the all-time Final Four appearance list.

Butler's run has been somewhat overshadowed by the shocking tourney play of VCU, but Stevens and the Bulldogs know how to win and Howard and Mack plan on doing more damage than last season's National Runner-up team.

VCU- I'm going to put it out there – if VCU wins the national championship it will be the biggest upset in sports history.

I can already hear the angry chants from the peanut gallery, but hear me out.

I can't think of another team that was bombarded with so many insults on national television as VCU was when it was announced that the Rams had made the tournament.

When I said in my column a few weeks back that "if VCU wins the Colonial tournament, they could make some noise in the Big Dance" I had no idea how ear shatteringly loud that noise would be.

VCU didn't win the CAA tournament, but I had seen them play enough during the season to know they were a tough team who could win a game in the tourney (who knew they could win five?).

What made them less deserving than Colorado, Boston College or Alabama?

I like seeing more teams

from the little conferences get a chance and VCU has vindicated the selection committee's decision and made the ESPN crew look like a bunch of fools.

Dick Vitale still can't admit he was wrong and claims this run to the Final Four does not prove that the committee was correct with its decision.

I used to respect Dick, but has he lost it? Has old age made him that senile?

VCU destroyed – and I mean absolutely wiped them off the floor destroyed – USC, Georgetown and Purdue in its first three games.

The Rams then pulled out a 72-71 overtime win over Florida State, a team that held Notre Dame's prolific offense to just 57 points.

VCU showed its ability to score both inside and out and its outstanding team defense in its win over the Seminoles.

The Rams win over Kansas was the most shocking game of the tournament.

The Jayhawks jumped out 6-0 lead and I thought we were in for a repeat of Kansas' demolition of Richmond just two nights earlier.

But VCU stayed calm, played outstanding defense and worked the ball around on offense (hitting nine first half three-pointers) on its way to a 14 point halftime lead.

While Kansas had four days to prepare for Richmond, they had just one to get ready for their clash with the Rams and struggled mightily on offense.

VCU to the final four is the biggest shocker in tournament history. More people picked sixteenth seeded Boston University to reach the Final Four for goodness sake – that's because the Rams had to play a game before they were

even in the real Big Dance!

When the Rams and Bulldogs meet Saturday night I'm not sure who to cheer for, but I know it will be a remarkable game.

Kentucky- In one of the best games of the weekend (there were too many to choose from!), Kentucky took down the overall number one seed with a 62-60 win over Ohio State.

Brandon Knight is the real deal, but Kentucky is a balanced team with athleticism and offensive firepower that makes up for its lack of experience.

The Wildcats were an under-seeded team that beat second seeded Florida twice and also took down Notre Dame and Louisville during the regular season.

Kentucky has played like they have something to prove and head coach John Calipari is taking his third team to the Final Four.

The Wildcats are now the favorites to win the title in the eyes of many people, but they'll still have to get past the great Kemba Walker to play for the championship.

UConn- Kemba Walker. A few weeks ago I could say that name and you'd know everything you'd need to about the Connecticut Huskies.

But freshman Jeremy Lamb is a budding star and youngsters Shabazz Napier, Alex Oriakhi and Roscoe Smith give UConn an exciting lineup that can go toe to toe with Kentucky.

The Huskies are the highest seed left in the tournament and are being talked about the least, but they have the star player of the tournament who makes UConn

nearly unbeatable when he's on (which is just about always).

The Huskies took down second-seeded San Diego State in a game that felt like they were always in control. UConn then used a series of runs and solid team defense to take down Derrick Williams and the Arizona Wildcats 65-63.

All four Elite Eight games came down to the wire (VCU over Kansas was actually the biggest blow out) and all but two of the eight Sweet Sixteen games were closely contested as well. If last weekend was any indication of how the Final Four will play out, we're in for a real treat.

I'm running out of room but before I end – no matter what Rick Reilly thinks, Jimmer Fredette will have a successful NBA career.

If Kyle Korver and Jason Kapono can make five to six million a year standing at the three point line, Fredette's all around scoring abilities will make him an intriguing option for any team with a lottery pick. He'll never be an All-NBA defensive player, but he'll do well – you'll see Mr. Reilly.

With all the excitement of the tournament going on, I haven't had any room to talk about the upcoming MLB season in my last few columns. Read Tyler's MLB preview on the next page for some great insight into all 30 teams.

Opening Day always gets me excited. It's the start of spring and signals the coming of warmer days - we could really use of that warm weather right about now...

More on baseball next week, but in the mean time sit back, relax and enjoy some great sports this weekend.

MLB Opening Day finally here: Team-by-team preview

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

With the baseball season now upon us, let's take a brief look at all 30 teams - I will give a prediction on where they will finish the season and a quick comment on each team.

A.L. East: Division

Winner- Red Sox: The Red Sox are led by a great pitching rotation, in which any of the top four starters could compete for the CY Young Award. Lineup could struggle against lefties as they have five left-handed hitters in their projected opening day lineup.

Rays: Even though the Rays lost Carl Crawford, team has a very strong farm system and two strong pitchers with Price and Shields.

Yankees: Hard to believe with a payroll close to 200 million that the Yanks have no pitching depth. As a friend put it, "Sabathia then Hughes and then we lose." Lineup is dangerous but with all due respect, Derek Jeter, lineup would be better if Brett Gardner led off.

Blue Jays: Traded away best player team has had since Roger Clemons, but do have hope in the form of young pitching prospect Kyle Drabek and Jose Bautista who is coming off a 54 home run season.

Orioles: Team has potential to snap 13-year streak of losing seasons, thanks to new manager Buck Showalter, but even with the additions of Derrick Lee and Vlad Guerrero, Baltimore will still have the worst offense in this division.

A.L. Central:

Division Winner- White Sox: Signed Adam Dunn and resigned Paul Konerko to help lineup, but season depends on whether or not Jake Peavy can overcome his shoulder injury.

Tigers: Verlander is a dominant number one starter, but Miguel Cabrera's off-field issues could affect him, but they haven't before.

Twins: Pitching staff will not over power anyone; Joe Mauer is a future Hall of Famer but the return of Justin Morneau from late concussion last year will be important for the Twins to make a push to the playoffs.

Royals: A team that will not scare anyone this year, but has a very bright future with players like Billy Butler and Lorenzo Cain.

Indians: Pay attention to Carlos Santana, a young catcher who has a great future ahead of him. Pitching staff is not very strong.

A.L. West: Division

Winner- Rangers: Have two great hitters in Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz but pitching rotation rests on the shoulders of Colby Lewis and C.J. Wilson, who had career years last years - can they do it again?

Athletics: Have two great young pitchers in Brett Anderson and Trever Cahill, but offense has to be better. Josh Willingham and Hideki Matsui will help a little, but not much.

Angles: Have a strong pitching rotation with Jered Weaver and Dan Harren but weak bullpen (era of 4.03 last year) hurts.

Mariners: Quick, name someone other than Felix Hernandez or Ichiro on the Mariners roster. Can't, well your not alone. Hernandez won the CY Young Award last year with only 13 wins. For team to have a strong year they must produced more runs.

N.L. East: Division

Winner- Phillies: The Phillies have the best 1, 2, 3 pitching rotation in the league and have a decent lineup - having Uley on the D.L. hurts a little

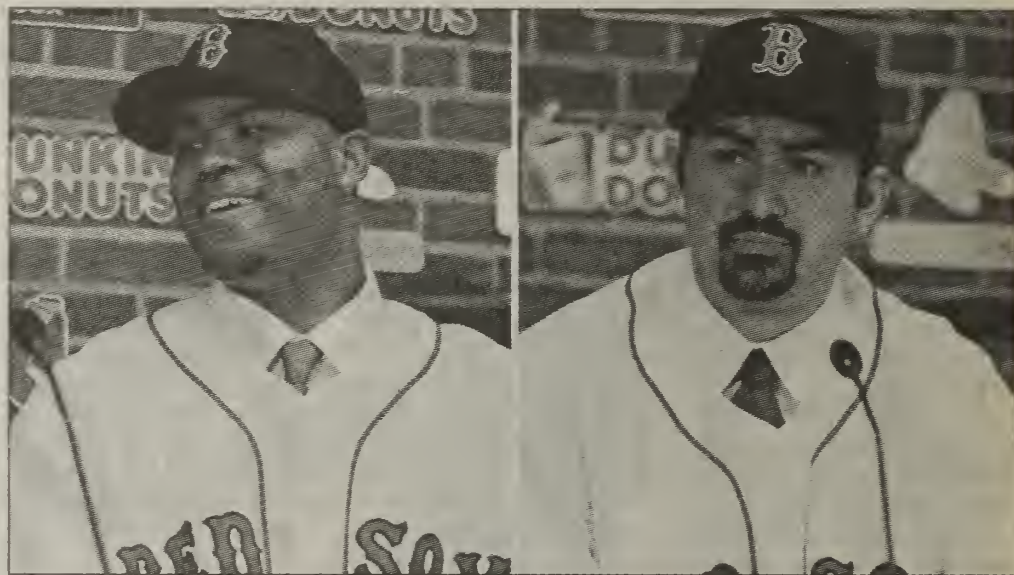


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New additions Carl Crawford and Adrian Gonzalez will provide an offesnsive boost for the A.L. East favorites in 2011.

though.

Braves: Young

Tommy Hanson is a name you should remember as the team is in its first season without Bobby Cox. Addition of Dan Uggla means Braves have probably the deepest lineup in the league. Expect big things from Heyward this year.

Mets: When your number one starter is R.A. Dickey, you're in trouble. If you're a Mets fan, hope that Jose Reyes will be motivated since he is in a contract year.

Marlins: Pitching rotation will not scare you, but with young bats in Stanton and Ramirez expect big things. Stanton could hit about 36 homers this year.

Nationals: Team has many great prospects, but unfortunately their best young hitter is 19 years old and their best pitcher is out for the year with Tommy John Surgery. But at least you spent \$126 million dollars on Jayson Werth...

N.L. Central:

Division Winner- Reds: Have a great number one in Edinson Volquez, however, injuries have derailed him and he has

not pitched a full season since 2008. With Jay Bruce, Joey Votto, and Drew Stubbs look out for Reds.

Brewers: Will struggle early in the year thanks to a rib injury sustained by Zack Greinke. Top-five in lineup can put up huge power numbers, but after that, the 6-9 hitters have a huge drop-off.

Cardinals: Took a huge step back with recent injury to number one starter Adam Wainwright, but will always remain a threat because of Albert Pujols.

Cubs: No true number one starter, but no weakness in rotation. The addition of Matt Garza helps and the addition of Carlos Pena will benefit their lineup, but he cannot have another below .200 batting average.

Pirates: Expect another losing season, making it 19 straight years of losing in Pittsburgh.

Astros: Expect big

things out of Wandy Rodriguez as this team is in major rebuilding mode.

N.L. West: Division

Winner- Giants: Last season's World Series winners look strong for a repeat thanks to great pitching from Lincecum. Buster Posey will be star for years to come.

Rockies: Ubaldo Jimenez will lead a tough Rockies team that will challenge the Giants for the division.

Padres: Loss of Adrian Gonzalez will hurt. It also hurts that San Diego plays in the worst hitting park in baseball.

Dodgers: Clayton Kershaw may finally enter the CY Young conversation but batting lineup lacks any true power.

Diamondbacks:

Don't expect much out of this team, but they do have a great young nucleus in Justin Upton and Stephen Drew.

Send your questions and comments to the Sports Editor at westfieldvoice'sports@yahoo.com

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

While walking down the street to dump your trashbags full of leftover pizza in the trash, you get attacked by a werewolf. We suggest you run and not think twice about it.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You're going to be chased by a bull, plain and simple. You should always carry around your little red blanket to ward him off. He's an angry bull.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You like to think you're a half and half mixture of Justin Bieber and Rebecca Black. You're a schizophrenic... stop talking to yourself, or singing "Friday" and "Baby," in the bathtub.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

We all know you don't like to wear clothes, but seriously, it's time to change your underwear. And I don't mean put them in between your mattress for a night... clean them.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You're not all that so stop kissing your mirror and thinking that doors will open for you automatically if you scream at them. Quite frankly, leos are annoying so I don't know why anyone would want to marry you, but if they do... please, don't keep them under the kitchen sink.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

You will clean your whole house today, twice. No, you really will. You're kind of a neat freak. Actually, you're kind of a real freak. Cat hair will make you foam at the mouth. But I guess I should take all this back so you'll do my laundry.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

I love you. Ten minutes later... You're the biggest jerk I know. Yup, libras, that's you... almost as bipolar as Gollum. Put away your bellbottoms and fancy shoes and start focusing on getting rid of that Gollum in you.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

You're going to hack into a computer today. That might sound cool, but it's not. Before you do that, you're going to snort "Chock Full o' Nuts" while showering while shaving your very hairy body. You're a multitasker. Congratulations.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

You will change your name to Thunder Pooper and go to a club with your BFFE Vomitus Maximus. You'll fall in love with Vomitus, meet his parents, tie up his mother and pants his father. You're so hip.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Yawn. Stop talking about math you're boring everyone around you to tears. However, you'll be surviving right alongside the cockroaches in a nuclear war because no else wants to be around you.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

You will eat Rice Krispies mixed with Fruit Loops before you run around naked. You like using the word "Dude man" and you enjoy walking on water in the bathtub.

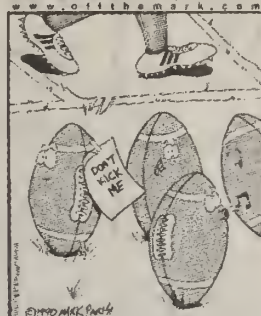
Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You will fail at finding the Big Dipper in the sky and will cry. Then you will fall out of a window, get hit by a truck, and die. Sorry...

APRIL FOOLS!

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SPUNKY'S APRIL FOOLS' DAY FUN

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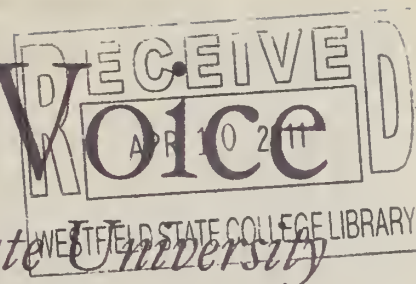
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In honor of President Dobelle

Samantha Fahey
Editor-In-Chief

On Sunday, April 3, the Middlesex Community College Board of Trustees formally dedicated the college's Lowell Campus Library in honor of Westfield State University's President Evan Dobelle with a dedication ceremony, concert and reception that were all held in the library itself.

"I thought initially that it was a little much to be honored this way, but felt if they were wishing to do it I might as well be alive to help celebrate what we all accomplished there," President Dobelle said.

President Dobelle served as President of MCC from 1987 to 1990, during which time he worked tirelessly to raise the profile of Middlesex and establish enough funding to make the campus a permanent place in the city of Lowell.

"MCC is a Community College which always has an unfair stigma attached to it," President Dobelle said.

"When I was 25,"

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Photo courtesy of the WSU Alumni Department
Tracy Innella Pinto is one of the alumni coming for Mentor Day. For more on this, see "Mentor Day" on page 4.

WSU to welcome Sean Kingston

Alex Myers
Editor-In-Chief

Westfield State students have been anxiously awaiting Spring Weekend and it has finally arrived. April 8 through April 10, WSU kicks off its annual Spring Weekend events.

Saturday, the most eventful day, is when WSU always books a band to perform. Last year, it was Less Than Jake. This year, it was supposed to be much hyped Travie McCoy, lead singer of the band Gym Class Heroes.

His song "Billionaire" gave him instant recognition as a solo artist and grew popular very quickly. Students of Westfield were excited for him to come because the school hasn't had someone with such a big star status as McCoy has in a long time, if ever.

However, due to a personal family emergency, Travie McCoy had to cancel all five of his concerts this week, including the one here at WSU.

The good news is that the Campus Activities Board (CAB)

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Quick Hits

**Friday, April 8 -
SPRING WEEKEND**
8:00p.m. - Into the Night
Ely Studio Theatre

**Saturday, April 9 - SPRING
WEEKEND**
12:00p.m. - Softball & Base-
ball vs. Bridgewater State
Alumni Field

5:00p.m. - Women's
Lacrosse vs. Fitchburg Uni-
versity

Sunday, April 10
6:00p.m. - Xbox on the Big
Screen
Ely Main Lounge

SGA Report: parking reassignment for commuter lot and main lot

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

Jon Conlogue, Executive Director of Residential Life spoke at the meeting on April 5 to discuss recent changes and updates to the Residence Hall Policy.

The most substantial change is that overnight guests in the residence halls now must be at least 16 years old, not 15.

Screen replacement charges have been increased from \$25 to \$50 to discourage students from removing window screens in the halls.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 1:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. in the Parenzo Gym. There will be a sign up desk in the Dining Commons.

Dr. Ruth will be

returning to speak at Westfield State on April 13 at 7:00p.m. in the Woodward Center.

Tim Egan, Parking Control Board Student Representative made announcements about the upcoming changes in parking spots and decal prices. Beginning in the Fall 2011 semester, "Public safety will allow parking for first year students with medical reasons and medical reasons only," said Egan.

Main, commuter, and south lot decals will increase from \$75 to \$100 dollars. DGCE stickers will remain \$60. Faculty and staff decals will remain \$1.00 as stated in their contracts.

Main lot will be decreasing by about 130 spots. Egan reported. Juniper Park lot

will no longer serve as main lot parking and Lammers lot will be for faculty and staff only. Commuters spots will be spread out across campus as a number of the spots in commuter will also become faculty/staff spots.

"Faculty and Staff will be gaining a substantial number of spots," said Egan. These spots are to help accommodate an increase in adjunct professors on campus in the upcoming years, he said.

Sue LaMontagne, Dean of Student Affairs tried to ease students concerns by reminding the senate members that, "It's not a loss of spaces, it's a reassignment of spaces."

Students must apply for main lot stickers each semester and decals will cost \$50 each semester. Applications will be sent out by e-mail soon.

The next Parking Control Board meeting will be April 19th.

Vice President of Academic Life, Tony Iozzo said, "Senior Registration was last Friday and from what I've heard from Academic Life, it went off with very few hitches."

The Saturday novelties for Spring Weekend will take place in the Parenzo Gym if the event is rained out on the green. CAB will be giving away 60 free Hanes men's and women's t-shirts to tie-dye at the novelties station.

Senior class president Courtney Sarantos announced, "Senior Celebration packets are officially sold out."

The next Student Government meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30p.m.

Peer tutoring in first year residence halls a good resource for freshmen

Megan Bishop
Voice Reporter

The peer tutoring program was a long time coming. For years, the professional staff of the Reading and Writing Center worked towards peer tutoring for many reasons. A major part was the fact that they are in such high demand. They needed a way of helping more

students.

The current peer tutors are Kaela Lucarelli, Caitlin Power, Cameron Rodak, and Karissa St. Pierre. To get there, they had to be recommended by a faculty member, submit a writing sample, and take a 300 level training course.

Kaela Lucarelli, a sophomore and first-time tutor, said she enjoys working with the first years. "It's eye opening

in a way and it's fun helping others with their work." She also said she wasn't sure if they would get the same turn out if they weren't in the residence halls.

"They get to be comfy here and the fact that we're peers may be better because we're just like them."

Douglas Scrouton, a first year in Davis Hall, said he likes having the tutors. "Having

the tutors here is the best."

Professor Catherine Savini, head of the Reading and Writing Center, said, "We decided that it makes sense to support first-year students because they are new to the university and academic writing and because we know for sure they'll be writing papers for English 101 and 102."

As to plans to extend to other residence halls,

"Unfortunately, we do not have the budget to extend beyond the first year residence halls right now, but if peer tutoring in Dickinson and Davis is successful, we hope that we will be able to expand to other halls," Savini said.

The program has peer tutors in Ely Library a few nights a week, available to help out students working on research papers.

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Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.

Middlesex Community College honors our President

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President Dobelle continued, "I was Chairman of the Board of Berkshire Community College and understood then that the strength of these teaching institutions was of being a safety net and a springboard and a passionate mission of the Faculty.

"Given that, I embraced the mission and brought it into Lowell where [it was] the most needed in Middlesex County.

"It is represented well in the movie 'The Fighter' this year," President Dobelle added. "A tough, loyal place that when given a lemon as a city they make lemonade and, if punched, always take a standing eight count and never a TKO."

Middlesex has grown and is now the second largest public two-year college in New England with 33,000 students total.

President Dobelle went on to serve as served as president of City College of



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President Evan Dobelle and WSU colleagues at the dedication of the *Dr. Evan S. Dobelle Library* at Middlesex Community College in Lowell, Massachusetts.

San Francisco, Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and the University of Hawaii, as well as president of the New England Board of Higher Education, all while holding a BA, M.Ed., and Ed.D. from UMass Amherst, and an MPA from Harvard University.

A man of many talents who seems to have served in every position available,

President Dobelle now sits in his office at our Horace Mann Center.

"We made a difference for poor and middle-class kids to be able to get a job or transfer to a place like Westfield State," President Dobelle said. "It was a powerful three years and generous to be remembered like this 21 years [later]."

Sean Kingston to perform in place of Travie McCoy

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worked diligently on Monday, April 4 to get a replacement and with much success, they booked Sean Kingston.

Sean Kingston is a 21-year-old Jamaican singer and rapper, known for his songs "Beautiful Girls," "Fire Burning," and "Me Love," amongst others. According to some students, this is an upgrade from Travie McCoy and most WSU students are pleased with the change.

One student said, "I feel like it's better because everyone knows more songs by him than [by] Travie McCoy."

When talking with Brandon Burr, Vice President of Programming, he said that although they had to work all day trying to find a replacement,

they did so quickly. CAB worked with "middle agents" who called different artists looking for someone who had an opening for this weekend.

Eventually, the middle agent got in contact with Sean Kingston. He didn't have any concerts booked for this weekend so, "[we] jumped on it, threw him out an offer" and he accepted, Burr said.

Many students were thinking that the jump from Travie to Sean would be a huge price difference, and while Kingston was more money, it wasn't that much of a difference in price.

Burr said that everyone is excited for it and that, after the news came out about Kingston's performance, they sold 200 tickets on Monday alone.

This brings the total,

as of Monday, up to 500 tickets sold, but that number will most likely have increased since then. Tickets were being sold all week until today, Friday, April 8.

On the contrary, if a student was not a Sean Kingston fan, but had previously bought tickets to see Travie McCoy there was a refund policy available.

Those students could go to the SGA room and a check would be mailed to that person's house. After that, they would not have to worry about paying for a concert they did not want to attend.

The Thick As Thieves/ Sean Kingston concert will be held in the Woodward Center starting at 5:00p.m. and Kingston comes on at 6:45p.m. on April 9.

Community Service Day is coming!

Wednesday, April 27 come to: volunteer to assist, help a project, build your resume, do your heart good, and help those who need it!

On campus opportunities: Circle K annual "Jail & Bail" in Ely Campus Center. Contact Karen Renda at krenda6690@wsc.ma.edu if interested.

Off campus: Start to refurbish Westfield Vocational Technical High School Auditorium. Time commitment would be 2-3 hour shifts.

Transportation provided. If interested, contact Ken Magarian at kmagarian@wsc.ma.edu.

The International Programs Office wants to send you away!

Cynthia Siegler will hold drop-in sessions to inform you of the many opportunities for Westfield State University students to study abroad or away. The University has over 250 study abroad options, 3 Exchange programs: China, Ireland, and Poland, and about 200 National Student Exchange locations.

Short-term programs for 2012 include courses in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Ghana, Puerto Rico, Belize, Europe, Jordan, Ireland Vietnam, and San Francisco.

Stop by the Parenzo Lobby any Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. through the end of the spring semester.

Note:

The articles by Laura Sadowski and Kaitlin Calderara in Issue XX (International Issue) were originally published in the Honors Program Spring semester newsletter The Squirrel Squire.

Mentor Day: Catching up with WSU alumni

Alyssa Zabierek
Voice Reporter

Have you ever wanted to meet alumni from Westfield and ask them questions that could relate to your future goals?

Well, the opportunity to do that is here because the Alumni office is hosting a Mentor Day on Thursday, April 13th from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

One mentor that's coming is Tracy Innella Pinto a graduate from 1985 who was a resident Mass Media and Management major with a minor in English with a concentration in Journalism.

While at Westfield, Pinto was a group leader, captain of the volleyball team, worked on the School TV Show, and a DJ on WSKB radio station.

The most beneficial thing that Pinto felt she received from Westfield was "confidence and a wealth of resources in the form of classmates and alumni."

She also felt that the confidence given to her from her professors is what helped prepare her the most for getting a job after Westfield.

"No question was ever laughed at and no idea was ever considered foolish," according to Pinto.

When asked how Westfield affected her career path, Pinto stated that, "Westfield was all about promoting the students by never letting you think you could not achieve anything. So I believe that that effect was a confidence when job searching. I knew going into my first few interviews that I would get the job."

Pinto does feel that the changes made to Westfield State are extremely beneficial. She believes that Westfield has always been a premiere state school, but now it is recognized as "a premiere education facility among private and public universities in Massachusetts."

While at Westfield,

Pinto did not have the opportunity to hold an internship. That is one thing she wishes she could change about her experience.

Even though she didn't hold an internship position, she has received additional training and certification based on different positions she has held.

For example when she was installing computer systems in automotive dealerships she got a secondary degree in automotive management.

Pinto, like many other alumni, have come a long way, but still values the important things Westfield State University provided her.

Without a doubt she would recommend the university to anyone and who would argue with that?

Tracey Innella Pinto is one of many mentors coming on Alumni Mentor day to be your mentors in the coming years. Don't let the opportunity to come speak with her and many others slip away.

Editor's Desk



Hello!

So... I don't really have much to say this week. I unfortunately will not be staying for Spring Weekend.

Luckily, I saw Sean Kingston at Kiss Concert, so I won't be missing too much that I haven't already seen! He's great; I hope you all enjoy him :)

We're really moving along in the semester, huh? I know my classes are definitely end-loaded. I had almost no homework at the beginning of the year and now I'm swamped. But we always do find time to put out a great edition of the paper!

Thanks for reading!!

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Another mentor who will participate in Alumni Mentor day is Jesse Hlava.

Jesse Hlava, who was a resident and later a commuter student at Westfield State, graduated in 2007 with a major in political science.

While at Westfield State, Hlava was the college's MASSPIRG Get-the-Vote coordinator in 2006.

He also worked on MASSPIRG's Hunger and Homelessness Campaign in 2007.

Throughout the years here, Hlava felt that he got out of Westfield State what he put into it.

Hlava does wish that he racked the brains of



*Photo courtesy of the
WSU Alumni Department*

professors more about the career path and put a little

more effort into extra-curricular activities.

Overall, Hlava feels that, "Westfield can provide the same career access as most other schools, but students need to ask for it and actively pursue it."

"Westfield did such an incredible job of preparing me for life."

After graduation Hlava began working in development for a non-governmental organization called Corporate Accountability International.

Even though this isn't Hlava's career goal and he is currently in the process of applying to law school, he does love the organization he works for.

While at Westfield State, Hlava had an opportunity to do an internship at Capitol Management, which is a small lobbying firm in Washington, DC.

The internship gave him real world experience and perspective that was essential to determine what career path best suited him.

Hlava recommends pursuing an internship, especially one in D.C. because students can spend five months in an amazing city, meet great people, and have once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Hlava, like many other alumni, has come a long way, but still values the important experiences that Westfield State

provided him.

Hlava would recommend Westfield State University to anyone, but "I would tell him or her to get involved with as many things as possible."

Jesse Hlava is the last of the many mentors coming on Alumni Mentor day to be your mentors in the coming years. Come meet them and have a chance to know what your future may hold upon graduation.

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The Angry Liberal: Rep. Ryan's budget proposal

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Voice Reporter

it denies basic access to health care that these people need and that the government has supplied them.

In regards to the overhaul in Medicare, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says that under this proposal "most elderly people would pay more for their health care than they would under the current Medicare system."

Interesting that it was the Republicans who accused the Democratic Health Care Bill of killing grandma.

Representative Ryan's plan seeks to privatize Medicare. The privatization of Medicare is the last thing this country needs—more rich insurance companies exploiting the American people.

It is this type of privatization that shows how close the relationship between big businesses and the government is and how much it has weakened the values of this country while increasing the wealth disparity.

Last Tuesday, college campuses across the country participated in a "Teach-In" that called on Americans to take back their country from the corporatocracy and demand an end to the control of all the profit of the country in the hands of the wealthiest Americans.

Westfield State participated in this "Teach-in" and watched the live streaming of speakers and listened to the intelligent and fiery speeches of their professors in Ethnic and Gender Studies, Social Work, History, and economics courses.

One of the main concerns raised was that the top .01% of Americans own a huge portion of the wealth, making an average of 27\$ million per year compared to the average \$31,000 that the bottom 90% of the population makes. Both Democrats and Republicans have supported this system.

So neither political party is free of blame for this marriage between big business and government, but the Republicans' radical budget proposal goes too far.

The poorest and oldest Americans should not be punished even further. Can those making \$27 million a year spare some for those making \$31,000 a year? Yes, they could.

The national deficit is a very serious problem, but programs that provide vital assistance to Americans cannot be slashed to make up for the damage of an unbalanced system, the corporatocracy, that favors the rich and the rich only.

On Tuesday, Republican Representative Paul Ryan revealed a budget proposal that would reduce the national deficit while reducing the size of government and its assistance to the American people.

The plan would cut the U.S.' debt, aiming to decrease costs of expensive and necessary government programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and others such as unemployment benefits, food stamps, and most veterans' program, among others.

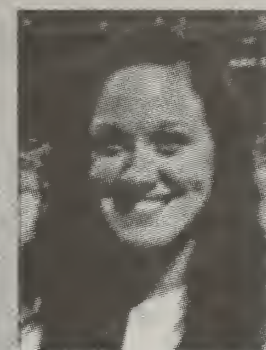
So for Republicans, the best way to reduce the growing deficit is to cut services and programs for the neediest groups in the United States. Makes sense, right? Of course not.

This proposal would raise the cost of health care for states, as the Medicaid assistance from the federal government would be in the form of a block grant.

This would force states to cover less people or limit payments to providers who offer Medicaid.

Reducing assistance for the poor and disabled may curb government spending, but

Editor's Desk



Hello!

Okay, so no rants this week. Oh wait, I do have one... and it's about my disappointment thus far in the Red Sox. They are seriously breaking my heart. I waited all year for baseball season to start and they lose 4 games in a row! So sad. :(

Hopefully, though, they will turn themselves around. They need better pitching... and me to go to a game since I bring them good luck! It's true!

I've been to quite a few games in my years and they've only lost once while I was there. My boys need me to be there cheering for them!

Also, hopefully April showers will bring May flowers really fast because I want sunshine and warmth!

Well, have a wonderful Spring Weekend! See ya!

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College students fall victim to procrastination

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Voice Reporter

On Sunday, I stayed in bed until noon and shortly after I took a nap. I have watched the Law and Order: SVU marathon, and have played a countless number of games of solitaire. Then I thought about my homework.

Monday morning at 10:25, this article is due for class and I will probably get through four more episodes of this marathon before I finish this one page article, just because I can.

Why am I telling

you about my lazy day? It just so happens I am writing about something many students have fallen victim to for years - procrastination.

For some reason, students have a one track mind when it comes to homework: it will get done eventually.

This means staying up at all hours of the night, counting down until "crunch time" and the adrenaline rush of getting the assignments done before the clock runs out.

Senior Sarah Lawler admitted that she has fallen into a habit of procrastinating, but she

does not see it as a negative thing.

"It's a routine, I know what I need to do to get my work done. We procrastinate because we can," she stated. "It doesn't help that our society is full of temptations and we live in a distracting environment."

Lawler confessed, "If we didn't have access to so much, we'd be more focused." Other students agree that they like to hold off on their work until they realize that time is running low.

"You have that moment where you get that feeling in your stomach that you have to get it done, so that's when you

get it done," explains Lawler.

Junior Steph Servideo agrees, "I don't like to think about it until I am forced to - which then pushes me to do better work." Is it sick for us to put work off because we "enjoy" the pressure? It seems as though that is why many of us do it.

"I procrastinate because I feel I do better work under pressure. Also, I feel if I wait, then I will do it all in one sitting instead of breaking it up," says Junior Bobby Ceurvels.

Some students like the pressure, some don't feel the need to spend hours doing their work, and others just have other things to do.

When asked why

she procrastinates, senior Erin Jones said, "I don't know, I have other things to think about. There are other things I would rather be doing. I wish I didn't procrastinate - I wish I was more organized and did things on time. Maybe one day I'll be that way, but not right now."

Whether it's "senioritis" or freshman year, students don't seem to have a problem with procrastination.

Sacrificing a little bit of sleep for a day filled with spending time with friends seems to be a fair trade for most students.

If students can enjoy their college experience and get their work done, maybe procrastination isn't all that bad.

The debate surrounding marijuana continues: to legalize or not to legalize

Amy Woody
Voice Reporter

As the United States — and other regions of the world — struggle with marijuana prohibition, there is an overwhelming stigma associated with a plant that biologically is nothing more than a weed.

But the prohibition (and perhaps, subsequently, the stigma) may be nearing its end.

Currently in Massachusetts, a bill numbered H01371, has been filed that would not only legalize marijuana use, but also regulate and tax the marijuana industry.

"It's about time!" says John Doe, a man who wishes to protect his real name because of the stigma associated with marijuana use. Doe is a successful man who is tall, fit, and well dressed.

As a chemical engineer, Doe makes good money, drives a fancy company car, and is engaged to a beautiful PhD candidate. He is also a recreational marijuana user.

To be clear, Doe is not a "pothead" and doesn't smoke marijuana every day, or even every week. As he describes it, using marijuana is, "a weekend or vacation thing — a brain vacation."

"Here's the thing," Doe offers, "I generally believe marijuana makes people stupid, but I also believe that there are times when it's appropriate to be stupid."

While Doe may attest to feeling stupid while under the influence of marijuana, current studies are unclear about the type of physical damage marijuana use does to the human brain.

There are also many who believe that it enhances brain function, not hinders it.

But the benefits of marijuana are not something that Doe is interested in.

"To me, what's good about marijuana isn't even the issue. It's about what's bad about it, because the government can't just ban something unless it's bad for you." Doe's interest in cannabis goes beyond just smoking it.

Always an engineer, he talks about "extraction" and "synthesis" of THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in marijuana).

"There's a lot of money to be made off of marijuana," Doe says. The idea that the marijuana business can be a lucrative one is a large part of Bill H01371.

Sponsored by Representative Ellen Story of Amherst, the bill doesn't merely propose to legalize marijuana, but actually sets up a system in which marijuana could potentially become a major source of income in Massachusetts. In fact, Representative Story says, "I think we would get more than \$100 million if we were taxing marijuana."

Realistically though, there is no real way to predict how much money could be made off of this enterprise, because there is no truly accurate way to know how many people in Massachusetts use marijuana and thus no way to predict how much would be used.

There is, however, a current trend in the media that favors the legalization of cannabis.

In fact, currently Netflix offers five instant streaming documentaries concerning the topic: *The Union*, *Super High Me*, *How Weed Won the West*, *High: The True Tale of American Marijuana*, and *The Green Rush*. If marijuana is so trendy, why are people still so resistant to support its legalization?

Attorney Steven S. Epstein, Spokesman, Clerk and Treasurer for MassCann, (the Massachusetts chapter

of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws or NORML) believes that there is less resistance from the people than one might think, and he cites polls conducted by MassCann to support this claim.

"On November 2, 2010, we conducted polls of actual voters using public policy questions," Epstein said, "In the first of the polls, just under 56 percent of the 133,924 voters who expressed an opinion supported 'legislation that would allow the state to regulate the taxation, cultivation, and sale of marijuana to adults.'"

In the second of those polls, over 66 percent of the 67,322 voters who expressed an opinion supported 'legislation that would allow the state to regulate and tax marijuana in the same manner as alcohol.'"

State Senator Michael Knapik of the 2nd Hamden and Hampshire districts in Massachusetts, however, believes that resistance to the legalization of marijuana is prevalent, and thus would likely vote against the bill. Senator Knapik states the following as justification for his opposition:

"While I have some constituents who favor this legislation, the overwhelming contact I have received from citizens over the years on this matter has been in opposition. Moreover, law enforcement in our state generally opposes initiatives such as this, (and they do oppose these bills) and barring additional data and information, I would take their view and input very seriously."

Whether the legislation passes in Massachusetts or not, the trend to reform marijuana laws is sweeping the country.

According to the NORML website, 13 states have passed legislation that decriminalizes marijuana,

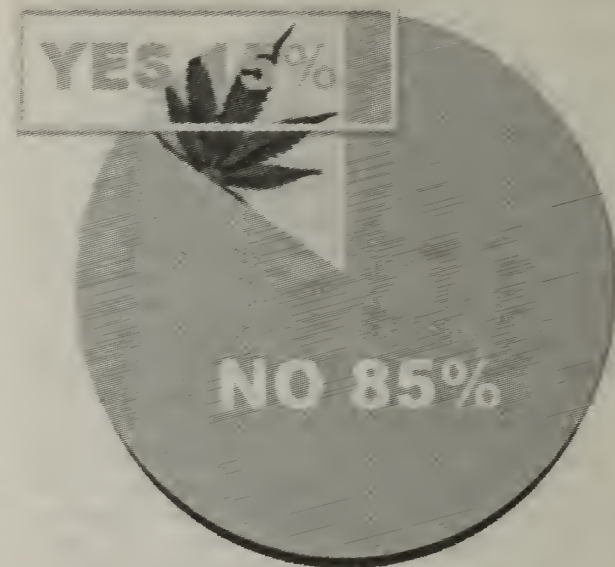


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Debate around whether marijuana should be legalized or not continues.

16 states and the District of Columbia have active medical marijuana programs, and many more marijuana reform initiatives are expected to appear on 2012 ballots and in legislative bodies from Massachusetts to the west coast.

On February 20th, *The Seattle Times* opined in favor of passing Washington House Bill 1550 for the legalization, regulation, and taxation of cannabis.

They cited the numerous costs associated with marijuana prohibition as their reason, such as "a cost to the people arrested and stigmatized as criminals... a cost in wasted police time... a cost in the encouragement of criminal lifestyle among youth."

After the editorial went to print, staff not only received a phone call from current "Drug Czar" (and former Seattle Police Chief) Gil Kerlikowske, but also received a visit from him several weeks later.

This happened just weeks after President Obama was quoted as saying that drug

regulation was "an entirely legitimate topic for debate."

On March 5th, *The Seattle Times* writer Bruce Ramsey printed a story about Kerlikowske's visit to the paper.

Despite all the bloggers and protestors who said Kerlikowske was there to bully the editorial staff, Ramsey was clear that "Kerlikowske was not bullying us, or threatening us, or attacking our freedom to air our opinions."

During the meeting, Kerlikowske was quick to point out that, "The War on Drugs is over. We've stopped looking at it as a criminal justice issue alone."

In the upcoming years, Massachusetts will face the possibility of a law that will change the marijuana industry forever. However, even Representative Story is doubtful that her proposed bill will pass.

In a February 24th interview with 22News she said, "I...don't think that this bill has a prayer of passing as legislators are scared of being thought of as soft on drugs."

Dating dilemma solved: Tips to make college dating easier

Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

When you get to college, there are two things that really matter: grades and the opposite sex.

In high school, things were different. You goofed around, you made friends, and you "dated," but few people were lucky enough to find their life partners in high school.

For those of you who didn't find that special someone in your hometown, you now have a whole new field to search for that needle in the haystack.

And you would think that once you get to college, everything would run smoothly. You'd get into your slot for your chosen path in life, and you figure that "the one" would just turn up.

But now more than ever there seems to be confusion. So really, is it a date or isn't it?

Girls classify dates a bit differently than guys.

Girls see dating as a one on one experience. "If he pays, I'd call it a date," says Gail, a sophomore education

major.

"If he wants to ask me out, he'd better do it in person or on the phone. Texts are too impersonal. If he calls, he's willing to face rejection and embarrassment just for the chance. That means something to me."

Be sure to clarify what's going on guys. Girls will more often than not think "just friends" over "he must really like me!"

If you want to be serious, don't take her on a group date or re-gift a gift card. Ask her out.

Of course, never underestimate the power of a flower. Romance is always a great way to get a relationship started.

When is it official? "When its Facebook official," says Laurie, a junior Criminal Justice and Political Science major. Most girls agree. But to others, it's not important.

"I don't care what it says about us online," says Belle, a sophomore Psychology major "I don't like how the world has turned to Facebook for the ultimate declaration of a

relationship."

In addition to Facebook, you know a relationship is going somewhere when you formally meet the parents.

And I don't mean "Family, meet girlfriend. Girlfriend, meet family."

I'm talking sit down at dinner meeting. Scary stuff, but just remember to be yourself (unless otherwise instructed of course).

Also, "leave the pick up lines at home," Anne, a Junior Math and Science major, says, "Unless you come up with something original, don't try it. If you found it on-line, it's likely that I've heard it before."

As far as kissing goes, some girls say first date is fine. Others believe a few dates in is the better choice. If the moment is right, try it. Even if you feel goofy, it's likely she'll love it.

Guys classify dates much the same. "One-on-one, and I pay," says a co-worker. Group dates don't count either. It's got to be one-on-one, and guys usually agree: first date is on him. After that you can go half and half.

"It is when two people have a romantic time together, either going out for dinner, a movie, or hanging out," says Brady, a sophomore Political Science major. Brady insists that the man always pays.

Brandon, a sophomore Political Science and Economics major says, "Dating should be done almost entirely in person unless circumstances prevent someone from dating in person."

As far as who asks whom out, guys say if they are really interested, they'll suck it up and ask.

Some shy ones say when the girl does the work it's much appreciated.

But Online dating is different. "I think that it takes away the social part of finding somebody," says Brady.

"Maybe if you are looking for a self conscious introvert, then online dating is right. But a relationship is not something like buying something on E-bay."

When is it official to guys? When it's said. Straight and forward.

"Do you want to be

my girlfriend? Yes or no. Clean cut," says a co-worker.

But other guys agree with girls. "Facebook can help make it official," says Bill, a junior here at WSU. "A week or two in, no more than a month though, and it should be said."

Brandon says, "When two people who have been dating for some time settle into a routine and agree to live with each other in some format and have mutually agreed to being exclusive. That's when it's official."

So let's hope that this will make it a little easier. If you want to know what's going on, the best thing to do is ask.

Make it clear. Pull it out of the shadows and plop it down right in front of everyone.

Yeah, you might make a fool of yourself. But you could also initiate something that's going to last a long, long time.

College is all about taking career and educational chances. Why not make it a time to make personal chances too?

As I've always believed: It's better to hear "no" then to have never asked at all.

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thevoice@wsc.ma.edu.

Correction:

In the March 4, 2011 story "WSU stats show low number of reported sexual assaults," it was reported that there could have been upwards of 150 rapes on campus last year.

This figure was calculated using a published national study that estimated that 3 percent of all college women become rape victims as undergraduates.

This figure was then applied to WSU using the figure of 5,000 female students. In actuality, there are 2,622 female undergraduates, so the correct estimate would be 78 rapes. The writer regrets the error.

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahy

Jesse McCartney – Born April 9, 1987



Jesse McCartney was born in New York, the oldest of three children. He started out at young age acting in plays like *The King and I* (1995) and a Christmas Carol (1998) among others. From 1998 – 2001 he had a role on the hit

soap opera “All My Children.” At the same time, Jesse joined the pop boy band Dream Street. The group was a huge hit with young girls, but the group disbanded in 2002. Jesse then went solo and his first album had a few hits, including “Beautiful Soul” and “Why Don’t You Kiss Her.” He has contributed to numerous Disney Soundtracks, and has appeared in the hit shows “Hannah Montana” and “Suite Life of Zack & Cody.” He then came out with his second album, which

he referred to as much more “mature” and included his hit “Right Where You Want Me.” His third album, released in 2008 included hit singles “Leavin’,” “Over,” and “How Do You Sleep?” His said that his fourth album will be more R&B and “urban-influenced.” Aside from singing, he’s lent his voice to the video game “Kingdom Hearts 2” and the “Alvin and the Chipmunk” movies. He will appear in a new show on Fox titled “Locke and Key” to air some time this year.

Franklin Roosevelt– Died April 12, 1945



The 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, New York as an only child. He has an extensive family history with roots to the fifth president, James Monroe, and to pas-

sengers on the Mayflower. He had a privileged upbringing and learned both German and French at an early age. He was extremely talented when it came to golf and was the only U.S. President to design his own 9-hole course. He attended Harvard, from which he graduated in 1904, and was president of the Harvard Crimson Daily. While he was at college, his fifth cousin, Theodore Roosevelt became President of the United States. He married Eleanor Roosevelt (his fifth

cousin) and together they had five children, one of whom died only 6 months after birth. In August of 1921, while vacationing in Canada, FDR fell ill to what was then diagnosed as polio, paralyzing him from the waist down. He was convinced that he would get better, and refused to show any signs of weakness, often using canes and human support in public. Overall, he served in the Presidential Office from 1932 until his death in 1945, the only President in history to serve four consecutive terms.

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Book Review: “Earth Abides”

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

The extraordinary novel “Earth Abides,” written by George Stewart in 1949, was not only one of the first post-apocalyptic novels, but was one of the best, and remains so today. “Earth Abides” follows Isherwood Williams as he struggles to rebuild society after a mysterious plague has wiped out most of the human race. The characters are well crafted and the story of Isherwood Williams is superb, but that is not the point of this novel.

Isherwood is first and foremost a symbol for some part of society greater than himself, as are many of the characters. In fact, it could be said that society itself is what the

novel is about, and Isherwood is merely along for the ride.

This novel is meant to both ask and answer the question of “what would happen if mankind were to just disappear?” Every small detail that is used in the novel has a purpose, and has a deeper meaning to it than it expressly stated.

This story is incredibly well-thought out and a lot of the events are realistic. One can easily tell that the novel was researched, using ecology among other things to their fullest potential to make the novel all the more captivating.

I find it impossible to overstate the beauty of this book, which is nothing less than a true work of art and should be considered as much of an American classic as many of the novels taught in classrooms today.

10 out of 10.

Album review: Yellowbirds,’ “The Color”

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Started in 2009, Yellowbirds is the solo project of Sam Cohen, the vocalist and guitarist for neo-psychedelic pop rock trio Apollo Sunshine. “The Color,” Yellowbirds’ fabulous debut album, was released in February 2011 and is by far the most promising album I have heard this year.

Right from the title track, I knew I had discovered something special. The soft, mellow voice of Sam Cohen combined with his whimsical guitar style and psychedelic sounds caught my attention right off of the bat.

The title track, named “The Rest Of My Life,” is definitely one of the most introspective tunes on the album.

The next track, “Rings In The Trees,” is an even mellower tune than the title track, featuring a light acoustic guitar-strumming pattern. “Beneath The Reach Of Light” sounds like a cross between the California Indie rock band Girls and The Byrds.

“The Color” also features two instrumental tracks: “The Color II” and “Wagner, Max.” “The Color II” starts with birds softly chirping, while “Wagner, Max” is more mournful sounding.

The fifth track, named “The Honest Ocean,” is one of the most psychedelic tracks on an album that recalls sounds from popular West Coast 60’s psychedelic garage rock bands such as The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, and The Seeds. The honesty and emotion that go into this album make it such a standout record for

2011.

“The Color” is yet another tune that is so honest that it’s hurtful. “Pulaski Bridge” is a mix of MGMT and Girls with a unique twist. “Our Good Days Are Gone,” the hardest hitting track on the album, is also my favorite track on an album. It starts off with loud, fuzzy guitar and features some excellent organ work. “The Reason” is the closing track of the album, and leaves the listener yearning for more.

If you are looking for something honest and beautiful, I urge you to listen to “The Color.” On Thursday, April 7, at 8:00p.m., Yellowbirds will be playing a show at the Arts Box in Greenfield, MA.

If you are looking for something to do and see some great performers play some very original music, you should go to that show.



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The cast of "Secret Life of the American Teenager"



Come see faculty/staff in jail
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Let's talk about sex: Secret Life of the American Teenager

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

"Dad is dead. Dad died a horrible death because I had incredible sex."

This actual quote comes from the terribly acted ABC family show "Secret Life of the American Teenager" that airs Mondays at 8p.m.

The fourth season premiere of the "Secret Life of the American Teenager" was on TV last Monday, March 28 and what an episode it was.

For those people who have been fortunate enough to have never watched this show, consider yourselves lucky.

Before I begin my review, I want to say that I understand the seriousness of the topic that is sex, and in no way am I trying to make fun of the show's message.

The show's reason for being on television is to properly show viewers an accurate depiction of the lives of "average American teenagers."

The show tries to create appropriate conversations for children and adults about the dangers of sex.

However, I think ABC Family doesn't understand a secret that most people understand.

This secret is that parents are not oblivious to what their children do.

The show's creators seem to think that no parent realizes that teenagers are having sex, and so they create a show in which the large majority of teenage characters do not know anything about sex.

Is a show that glamorizes sex and teen pregnancy by showing very attractive teenagers, or actors who look as if they are in their thirties pretending to be teenagers, sleep with one another, make babies, and receive marriage proposals from the babies' dads and other admirers the best way to stop the increasing high rate of teen pregnancy?

Most likely not, but ABC Family keeps trying.

Through the use of uncomfortable dialogue and terrible acting, "Secret Life of the American Teenager" follows the lives of a group of suburban high school students whose whole lives revolve around sex.

It seems, too, that when one person does something in an episode, everyone else follows.

For example, if one person gets tested for STDs, everyone else does. And if one person suddenly wants to skip school, it seems as if the whole school suddenly wants to skip, too. It's just not realistic.

To put it into perspective, when doing some research for this article I came across a video on YouTube.

In this video it counts the number of times the word "sex" was said in a Season two episode of "Secret Life."

In the 50-second clip, the cast said the word "sex" 70 times.

That is not a typo, it really was 70 times, and the show is an hour long so the word "sex" was said about once every minute of the show.

One might be able to say that this show actually promotes sex and teen pregnancy, as two of the four main female characters got pregnant, so far.

However, ABC Family tries to discount this belief by airing a ten-second public service announcement delivered by one of the cast members who warns teens about the perils of sexual activity after and during each episode.

Way to go ABC Family. You deliver a show in which the characters are the most sexually active kids I have ever seen in my life, but because they give a strong public service announcement at the end of the show, it's okay.

If you're still interested in the show after this, tune in for an episode. You'll probably want to turn it off right away, but give it a chance because you may be one of the many that do actually enjoy it.

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry ft. Kanye West - E.T.
2. Rihanna - S&M
3. Cee Lo Green - Forget You
4. Lady Gaga - Born This Way
5. The Black Eyed Peas - Just Can't Get Enough
6. Chris Brown ft. Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes - Look At Me Now
7. Pink - F**kin' Perfect
8. Jeremih ft. 50 Cent - Down On Me
9. Jennifer Lopez ft. Pitbull - On The Floor
10. Ke\$ha - Blow

Top Movies

1. Hop
2. Source Code
3. Insidious
4. Limitless
5. The Lincoln Lawyer

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Country Strong
2. The Paranoids
3. Heartless
4. Plastic Planet
5. Gulliver's Travels

Top Albums

1. Chris Brown - F.A.M.E
2. Jennifer Hudson - I Remember Me
3. Adele - 21
4. The Strokes - Angles
5. Kirk Franklin - Hello Fear
6. Panic! At The Disco - Vices & Virtues
7. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More
8. Bobby V - Fly On The Wall
9. Lupe Fiasco - Lasers
10. Rihanna - Loud

Westfield rugby to play spring weekend doubleheader for charity

Rob Donoghue
Sports Editor

The Westfield State Black Squirrels Rugby Club plays a double-header this Saturday night, April 9, against Mass Maritime and Lasell College beginning at 7:00 p.m.

It's the second straight year the Black Squirrels will play on Alumni Field the Saturday night of Spring Weekend and the team is hoping for another great turnout similar to last year's packed crowd.

"Last year we had a great crowd for our Spring Weekend game," said junior Brent Bell. "The other team couldn't believe how much support we had. It was awesome to see."

"There's something for everyone," said senior Joe Phalan about the game of rugby.

"It's a hard hitting, exciting game and it's always a lot of fun when we get so much support."

While the team plays its regular season New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) schedule during the fall, it uses the spring season to play scrimmages and exhibitions as the team continues to improve.

Westfield played an exhibition match against Nichols last Saturday afternoon, winning by a final score of 22-7.

The Spring Weekend double-header will consist of two 40-minute shortened matches (regular matches are 80 minutes long).

While there is no cost to attend the matches, donations will be accepted for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund throughout the evening.

"We beat Lasell last

year and put up a fight in a loss to Maritime," Bell said. "So they should be two competitive matches."

Bell and Phalan, two of the Black Squirrels' original members, helped start the Rugby Club back in 2008.

"We started out with about seven or eight guys practicing in South Lot," said Bell, who played rugby at Marshfield High School before coming to WSU.

"Only a few guys had played before and we didn't have a coach at first."

The team started out as an SGA funded club that didn't play a league schedule, but has now grown to over 30 members and is an official club sport in the Westfield State Athletic Department.

"We've had athletes from football, soccer, lacrosse and track all join the team," said Phalan, who played rugby his freshman year at Seton Hall in 2007 before transferring to Westfield the following year.

"We've held interest meetings at the beginning of each year and advertised when we're having games," Bell said.

"The good thing about the spring is that it's an opportunity for newer guys to get some extra practice time."

The team now practices two to three times per week in Stanley Park and plays matches on the weekends.

Both Bell and Phalan said Todd Ditmar, the WSU Club Sports Adviser, and the entire athletic department has been very supportive in helping rugby become an official club sport.

The Black Squirrels' new head coach, Dan Lancour, began coaching the team this season and hopes to bring continuity to a team that has had three coaches (and many periods without a coach) since 2008.



photo by Westfield State Rugby facebook group

Westfield State (left) and Western New England College locked in a scrum battle during the fall 2010 season.

"I had coached lacrosse in the past, but never rugby," said Lancour, who has been a member of the Springfield Rugby Football Club men's team for seven years.

"Coaching rugby is a lot different than playing the game, but it's been good to teach the things that I know about how this game works."

Westfield began play in Division IV of the NERFU Collegiate Division last fall and finished the season 5-2, good for second place in the division.

The season was highlighted with an upset win over previously undefeated Johnston State College in the quarterfinals of the NERFU playoffs before falling to AIC in the semifinals.

Following the Spring Weekend games, the Black Squirrels will face Lasell once again at Alumni Field on April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

The team is also hoping to schedule matches with the likes of Colby-Sawyer, UMass-Lowell and MCLA before league play begins in the fall.

"It's been a great experience helping to teach the

guys how to play the game and build the program up to where it is now," Bell said.

"We've bonded together and become a close-knit group," Phalan said. "The club at Seton Hall was a very close team, so I've wanted to bring that close-knit aspect to our [Westfield] team."

Changes will be coming to the team next fall as the Black Squirrels name will be changed to the Westfield Owls now that the team is an official WSU club sport.

When asked about the unique Black Squirrels name, Bell said, "We had seen a lot more black squirrels than owls on campus, so it seemed like a pretty cool idea at the

time."

While the name on the front of the jersey may change, the Westfield Rugby Club hopes that continuity and stability will help the team continue to grow and become a force to be reckoned with in their division.

"Every coach wants to do things a certain way," Lancour said. "So I hope to keep coaching and doing things the same way so we can continue to become better."

"As long as the team can keep guys coming out and continue to have leadership from the veterans, there will always be kids willing to learn and this team can continue to grow and improve."

Come out to Alumni Field on Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. to support WSU Rugby and help out two great charities: the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



That was ugly...

I'm not sure how else to describe the 2011 NCAA Division I men's basketball Championship game.

The game was a true dog fight and commentator Steve Kerr said it best when he compared the game to a Steelers-Ravens matchup.

Congratulations to UConn. The Huskies beat a lot of good teams, including Butler, to win the title.

Their run through the Big East tournament was historic and there's no denying UConn was deserving of this title. But I just wanted a better game.

Butler hit only 18.8 percent of its shots. That's such a low shooting percentage it's almost unfathomable.

The town league CYO teams I've helped coach hit more shots than that. Fifth grade girl's Y teams shoot better than that. I can hit more shots left handed than 18.8 percent.

I know UConn was playing great defense, but 18.8 percent! Are you kidding me?

It was such unbelievably bad offense and pathetic shooting, I couldn't even comprehend what was happening.

I guess the Hollywood ending just wasn't meant to be. Brad Stevens, college basketball's best young coach, might not ever make a championship game again. Butler might never reach a Final Four again in my lifetime.

But with the current state of college basketball, there's a good chance those statements won't be true.

With powerhouse teams like Kentucky featuring a new starting lineup every year

because of the one-and-done rule, senior oriented mid-majors like Butler and VCU should continue to find tournament success.

I hope this game won't be the legacy of Stevens and Butler. It was pathetic.

The first half ended with Butler leading 22-19 (I've seen higher halftime scores in fourth grade travel leagues).

The style of play was exactly the way Butler wanted it. The Bulldogs are usually good at playing ugly. But the second half wasn't good for Butler, just ugly.

Matt Howard ended his illustrious college career by hitting one of 13 shots and finishing the night with just seven points.

Shelvin Mack finished with a team leading 13 points, but was stifled by UConn's tight pressure defense for most of the night.

But Butler was missing wide open three-pointers and point blank layups. That's just inexcusable.

Kemba Walker's night wasn't exactly pretty either, but he finished with 16 points and nine rebounds. More importantly, Walker ended the night as a 2011 National Champion.

How 'bout those Red Sox?

Remember a month or two ago when I stated in one of my columns that the Red Sox were overrated?

When I pessimistically said that Sox fans needed to wait until at least July before crowning Boston the 2011 World Series champs?

That I had no faith in the team's pitching and didn't trust anyone outside of John Lester (and even he won't be good until May or June)?

Well if you don't, too bad – look it up, because I said it.

Now just as Sox fans overrated this team and prematurely crowned them champions, fans are now calling WEEI with ridiculous comments about the demise of this team.

Are there whinier fans in all of sports?

It's the first week of April for goodness sake! Yes, the Red Sox are 0-4 as I write this column, but the season is 162 games. Are fans getting baseball and football season confused?

Just as people were too high and mighty on this team back in February, people are now jumping ship on April 6.

It's the utter ridiculousness of a lot of Sox fans that's the reason I'm not as big a fan of this team as I used to be.

Don't get me wrong. I love the Red Sox. The 2004 World Series was one of the best sports moments of my life.

I hope I'm wrong with my predictions and this team does win the 2011 World

Series. But either way, we're four games into the season and people need to relax.

Lester will be fine – early season struggles are nothing new for the lefty.

But Boston's two highest paid players, Josh Beckett and John Lackey, are two guys to worry about.

I have no faith in either. Beckett doesn't have it anymore and Lackey is a 5.50 ERA kind of guy. He'll continue to get demolished in the AL East.

Just because he was the best pitcher in a very weak 2009-2010 free agent class, doesn't mean spending almost \$16 million on him was a good idea.

I'm still not a huge Buchholz fan, but the kid had a great season last year and should be okay.

As far as Dice-K, I don't know what to expect when he pitches tonight (Wednesday). Tim Wakefield anyone?

Third highest paid player on Boston – Carl Crawford. Current batting average - .133. I'm not worried about Crawford though and

people need to get off his back.

Fourth highest paid player – J.D. Drew. Current batting average – .167. I could write an entire column about the mistake that was and still is J.D. Drew.

I'm not sure how good of a hitter Ellsbury really is, but Ortiz, Pedroia, Gonzalez and Youkilis will be fine.

Marco Scutaro, however, is 0 for 11... yikes.

The team with baseball's third highest payroll needs to step it up. The 0-4 start is embarrassing.

But there are still 158 games to be played and personal feelings aside, this team has enough talent overall to contend for the World Series.

Hey, at least Daniel Bard bounced back from his pitiful opening day performance with a scoreless inning against Cleveland on Tuesday.

I'm out of room folks, but thanks for reading. Send me your questions, comments and angry rants to westfieldvoices@yahoo.com.

I love getting feedback from the readers, so send in those emails!



Upcoming WSU Home Games

Saturday, April 9

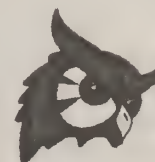
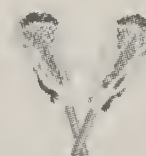
Softball vs. Bridgewater State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Bridgewater State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Fitchburg State @ 5:00 p.m.

Men's Rugby vs. Mass Maritime
and Lasell @ 7:00 p.m.

Support your Owls!



Opinion: Lack of respect plagues current state of NHL

Amber Pettell
Voice Reporter

Respect is the very essence of all sports. From the competitors of ancient Greece, to young children and recreation leagues, true athletes have always played with honor and pride.

Throughout the game's storied history hockey players and fans have always upheld this tradition of honor.

Although it has always been a minor sport in the United States, fans and players showcase unparalleled levels of devotion, commitment and pride.

To those who love it, hockey is much more than a game; it is a family.

It is expected that this family is treated with the same amount of respect as any family member denoted by blood.

Those individuals who are lucky enough to play hockey at the professional level should act as role models of the sport's traditions and its unwritten codes.

Unfortunately, in recent years, the NHL has been plagued with problems that threaten the honor of the game.

There is no denying that hockey is a violent sport – hitting and fighting are part of the game as much as passing and scoring are.

These things combined to create the fast-paced, adrenaline pumping experience that a hockey game should be.

Of course, the violent elements of hockey are regulated by written rules and penalties which deter players from going overboard.

However, these written rules have long been supplemented by other unwritten codes which all players understand.

Especially in the

NHL, there exists a kind of gentleman's code.

In certain situations players are expected to follow rules, not only because of defined penalties, but simply out of respect for their fellow athletes.

with increasing frequency over the past couple years – these reckless hits are dangerous and disrespectful.

High-profile instances of headhunting have caused major injury to several NHL players.

It is their obligation and responsibility to themselves and all other players to be conscious and consider the safety of everyone on the ice at all time.

Equally unsettling as the on ice misconducts

the AHL while they waited for the trade to process.

In the past few weeks alone there is the example of Paul Stastny, who made negative comments about the Colorado Avalanche organization because he disliked some of the manager's trade choices.

This type of behavior shows a blatant disrespect for the position of privilege and honor that an NHL player holds.

They do not seem to realize that because they are lucky enough to get paid to do something that most people would do just for fun, they should recognize the privilege and not complain over things that do not really matter.

However, the worst misconducts of NHL players in recent years have been those that impact the fans.

Examples of this include inappropriate and distasteful comments made on television, such as those made by Sean Avery with regards to an ex-girlfriend.

Avery and other players have also been guilty of making lewd gestures in plain view during televised games.

All of these things are disrespectful not only to fellow athletes, but also to the fans who love and support the game.

It is hard to tell where the game of hockey is heading, but it is easy to see that professional players have drifted a long way from the honor, pride and family on which the sport is built.

Fans can only wait and hope that the NHL will restore itself and represent the sport of hockey in the dignified manner which it deserves.



photo by wegotthiscovered.com

Sean Avery (right) has been one of the NHL's most notorious dirty players over the past few seasons.

Yet, professional players seem to be losing sight of the importance of mutual respect in the game of hockey.

Dangerous hits and reckless violence are more common than ever before.

In past years, specific players have gained reputations for questionable conduct.

Players like Sean Avery or Steve Ott are known as instigators.

However, it is becoming increasingly common for all players to exhibit these types of disrespectful behavior, previously reserved for instigators.

The most dangerous of these behaviors is headhunting. Hits to the head have occurred

Some players, including Boston Bruins center Patrice Bergeron, have sustained injuries serious enough to threaten their careers.

It is truly disturbing to think that the career of a talented young player such as Bergeron could end because another player did not have the control and respect to restrain from this reckless behavior.

More recently, the Bruins have lost Marc Savard for the remainder of the season due to post concussion syndrome related to head injuries from high hits.

Players may not intend to hurt each other, but the risk is always there.

that are becoming common in the NHL are instances where inappropriate behavior goes beyond the game.

NHL players in recent years have even ventured as far as to disrespect the organization and management who control their careers.

Probably the most well-known example was Edmonton Oiler Sheldon Souray, whose comments offended team managers so badly that they not only traded him to another team, but also sent him down to

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Looking back at the 2011 NCAA basketball tournament

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Yes, I know that two other writers at the Voice have written great articles about the NCAA tournament (great reads, thanks Joe and Rob), but with the tournament concluding earlier this week, I wanted to look back and give some of my thoughts on the tournament that was.

If there ever was a year in which the tournament properly illustrated the regular season, this was it. All year long there was really no dominant team in the country.

Each team that looked like they could be title contenders earlier in the year showed their weakness early and often.

Thus, when the Final Four started and one looked at the teams that were there, yes, it was a surprise.

But was it really? Yes, it was a surprise that a team like Butler, who lost to Youngstown State, a team whose RPI was 254 in the country, made it.

Or that VCU, a team that finished fourth in CAA and lost to Northeastern and Georgia State, made it as well.

That a team who finished ninth in the Big East in UConn made it to the Final Four was a surprise as well.

That a team that lost five players to the NBA Draft last year, couldn't win on the road in the SEC and lost highly recruited center Ernes Kanter earlier in the year also made it to the Final Four.

Yes, those four teams making it were a surprise.

But teams like Pittsburgh, Ohio State, Duke and Kansas were all flawed.

Did the return of Kyrie Irving really have more of a negative affect than we realized?

We realized that though the Morris twins are going to be great NBA players, Kansas had a weak backcourt. Pittsburgh couldn't score and made too many bone headed mistakes while Ohio State's lack of depth hurt the Buckeyes.

The tournament is a place where no name players get their proper recognition. Kenneth Faried showed why he was the best rebounder in the country, but at the same time, people were able to expose the myth that is Jimmer Fredette.

Yes, he is a great scorer, but the kid cannot guard anyone and doesn't play defense at all.

We realized that Kemba Walker is a beast and no doubt deserved to be player of the year.

That young coaches like Brad Stevens and Shakka Smart are the future of this game and that not every college coach is a liar or cheater.

The tournament coverage added Kenny Smith and Charles Barkley to the mix as well as the addition of Turner Sports.

Though no one can call Charles Barkly an expert in college basketball, what Barkley was able to bring to the table was an unbiased opinion.

He told it how it is, and because he didn't have to worry about any conference affiliation or the NCAA getting mad at him he just told his opinion.

Seeing Barkley rip the Big East while Rick Pitino just sat there was classic.

Yes, the NCAA tournament was a great three weeks. It was a showcase of great college talent and that was really it.

Most of these players that made such impacts these last three weeks will not be great NBA pros, but instead they represented their schools in the best way, and that is all what we can ask in the end.



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Kemba Walker cuts down the net for the 2011 National Champion UConn Huskies.

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\$3.50



This year Spring Weekend will take place on campus Friday - Saturday, April 8 - 9. The Westfield State University Campus Activities Board will be presenting a number of contemporary music performances and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the University community are welcome to attend at no cost except for the Saturday concert in the Woodward Center (a \$10.00 concert ticket may be purchased at the Ely Campus Center Service Window) and where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

Day/Date	Event Schedule	Location
Friday, April 8		
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Themed Dinner	Dining Commons
9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Arvin Mitchell <i>Comedian</i>	Ely Main Lounge
10:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Brown Bag Bingo	Ely Main Lounge
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Midnight Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
Saturday, April 9		
10:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	CAB DI for afternoon program	Campus Green **
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	BBQ Lunch	Campus Green *
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Novelties	Campus Green **
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Band - Thick As Thieves	Woodward Center
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Band - Travie McCoy, <i>Headliner</i>	Woodward Center
5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Commons
Rain sites: * = Dining Commons, ** = Ely Main Lounge		

Westfield State University Policy shall be enforced during Spring Weekend same as any other day on campus. Persons exhibiting disorderliness, intoxication, or any conduct in violation of University Policy may be immediately removed from any event and are subject to immediate removal from campus, protective custody, arrest and other appropriate University and legal action. All student conduct proscriptions, limitations and guidelines, shall be strictly enforced as articulated in the current Westfield State University Student Handbook. In addition to University Policy enforcement, the following special regulations apply from Friday, April 8 at 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, April 10 at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the University community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public. Furthermore, while there is no charge for admission to events with the exception of the concert on Saturday, April 9 at the Woodward Center, attendance at all indoor and outdoor venues will be monitored and controlled to ensure safety and order. University faculty/staff and student attendees are expected to present a valid Westfield State University ID upon request of officials.

Guests

Students are welcome to bring one non-WSU guest who is registered in advance. Guest registration takes place from **Monday, March 21 - Tuesday, April 5** at the Ely Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours. Student hosts must register their guest in advance in order to receive an authorized Spring Weekend guest wristband.

Legal Beverages

Alcoholic beverage containers

including but not limited to individual containers, kegs and coolers are prohibited in public areas of the campus including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be transported to or from any program area on campus.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

Meals

Friday, April 8

Dinner - Full Salad Bar, Popcorn Chicken Wraps, Cheese Buffalo Chicken, White Cheese and Broccoli Pizzas, Chicken and Cheese Quesadillas, Grilled Cheeses, French Fry Bar, Homemade Meatloaf Stacker with Mashed Potatoes, Fried Onions, Gravy, Veggie Option and Steamed Veggies. Appetizer Plate with Mac and Cheese Bites, Mozzarella Sticks, Wings and Hot Fudge Sundae Bar

Midnight Breakfast - Pancakes with syrup, toppings and juice

Saturday, April 9

Continental Breakfast - Cereal, bagels, fruit, juice, milk

BBQ Lunch - Hamburgers, boneless barbecue chicken, veggie burgers, pasta salad, tossed salad, sliced watermelon, oranges and bananas, brownies, cookies and beverages

Dinner - Regular dinner service in the Dining Commons

Meal Tickets

Complimentary meal tickets are available at the Dining Commons, Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8 for all persons on a WSU Meal Plan. Persons not on a Meal Plan may purchase Spring Weekend meal tickets at the Campus Center Service Window (Ely main level) from Tuesday, April 5 through Friday, April 8 during posted business hours. Meal tickets will also be sold at the Campus Green on Saturday, April 9.

Meal tickets are required for guests of Courtney Hall, Davis Hall, Dickinson Hall, Lammers Hall and Scanlon Hall residents (4/8 Dinner, 4/9 Lunch and Dinner - \$23.00).

Motor Vehicles

The following special regulations are in effect relative to motor vehicles:

Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times.

Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

Residence Halls

These policies are in effect from 12 p.m. on Friday, April 8 to 12 p.m. on Sunday, April 10:

Only current WSU students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period.

Residents are expected to present their validated WSU ID when entering a residence hall. Guests of residents on campus April 8 - 10 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

Guests are required to present a valid U.S. state-issued photo identification (or valid motor vehicle operator's license) and an authorized and properly affixed guest wristband.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance.

Woodward Center Concert

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at 333 Western Avenue (Horace Mann Center) or the Commuter Parking Lot.

A valid WSU ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband and a purchased concert ticket are required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center. **A concert ticket may be purchased from Monday, March 21 - Friday, April 8 at the Campus Center Service Window for \$10.00.** Ticket sales are final - no refunds will be issued.

Individuals attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center must enter and exit the facility using only the main front or rear entrances. Side exits at the Field House are for emergency use only.

Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of bag/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

Smoking is prohibited inside of the Woodward Center and within 50 feet of the outside of the building.

Aries**(March 21 - April 20)**

If you're feeling a little moody or sensitive this week, try not to spend too much time dwelling on any difficult personal issues.

Taurus**(April 21 - May 21)**

You're bound to be doing a lot of work behind the scenes this week. Just don't expect that everything will end up going the way you'd like. There will be obstacles, but do your best to work through them.

Gemini**(May 22 - June 21)**

Even if things have been starting to look up for you lately, you'll still be feeling a little uncertain about the future. Just try to remain focused on your most important goals.

Cancer**(June 22 - July 22)**

You ought to have a chance to straighten a few things out and make some fresh starts. Your social skills should be called upon as well, and you'll undoubtedly want to spend plenty of time involved with your friends.

Leo**(July 23 - August 23)**

Your mind should be very busy and active at the moment, and you'll really be craving a little excitement. You wouldn't mind being able to escape on some kind of interesting little adventure before the end of the week.

Virgo**(August 24 - September 22)**

You'll be more than ready for any sort of new experiences. And if you've been giving any thought to taking a little trip, just realize that any travel plans would really benefit from a little more thought and planning. Just be careful of some potential conflicts with a few of your friends this week.

Libra**(September 23 - October 22)**

Try to take care of whatever work or other responsibilities seem to be coming your way. You should also try to clear up any personal issues that have been bothering you lately.

Scorpio**(October 23 - November 21)**

Don't be surprised if there are plenty of different responsibilities for you to have to deal with. But try not to rely on others to provide you with too much help or assistance.

Sagittarius**(November 22 - December 21)**

A few issues you've been feeling anxious about should be starting to ease up a bit. Even though things should be improving, you'll still be feeling a little worried about some romantic matters.

Capricorn**(December 21 - January 20)**

There are bound to be quite a few issues for you to have to deal with on the home front. And an awful lot will be expected of you when it comes to your children and your family.

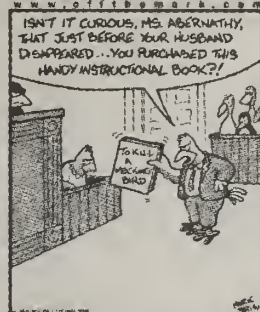
Aquarius**(January 21 - February 19)**

You ought to be pretty busy, and it's likely that you'll be visiting with others or that they'll be dropping in on you. You won't really have the much time to socialize though.

Pisces**(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

You should be aware that loaning money to people wouldn't be a great idea today. But if you feel you have to, just make sure that everything is clearly understood.

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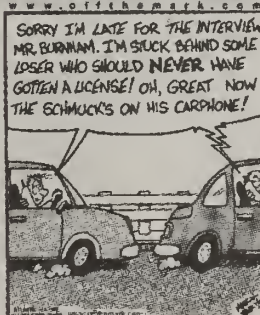
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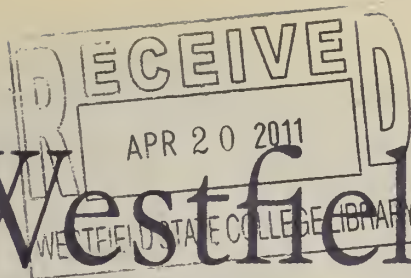
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Courtney Hall takes action

Alex Myers
Editor-In-Chief

Many Westfield State students who live in Courtney Hall are not happy residents as of Thursday, April 7.

Courtney Hall Resident Director Andy Fong along with Dr. Jon Conlogue, Executive Director of Residential Life, Resident Assistants from the building, and SGA representatives met with all four floors of Courtney Hall to discuss the damage issues that have happened throughout the year.

Damages go back all the way to August 30 of this school year. Examples of such damages include a \$225.00 charge on September 27, 2010 for vomit in the middle stall, urine on the floor, trash with razors in the shower, and food and personal trash in the bathroom on the fourth floor.

Another is a \$569.85 charge due to an Emergency Call button that was vandalized on the elevator on November 15, 2010.

There was \$293.87 worth of student damage that resulted in

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photo by Hugh Mailly

Sean Kingston rocked the performance last weekend in front of a large crowd of WSU students. *See the picture spread on pages 4 & 5.*

Part-time student info. session

Article is a press release by
WSU

The Division of Graduate and Continuing Education (DGCE) at Westfield State University (WSU) is pleased to announce they will be hosting an infosession for all prospective part-time undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students on Thursday, April 28 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

"We want to accommodate the busy lifestyle of the DGCE student," says Jessica Tansey, outreach specialist for the DGCE.

"It's not always easy to find the time during the day to visit a school you're interested in. This evening infosession will be an opportunity for prospective students to learn more about our programs by talking one-on-one with us."

The event is free. The DGCE is located on the first floor of the Horace Mann Center building, 333 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA.

For more information please visit www.gobacknow.com or contact Callie Hutchinson at (413) 572-8149 or by email at chutchinson@wsc.ma.edu.

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Mon-Thur - 7:00am-9:00pm
Fri - 7:00am-6:00pm
Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Quick Hits

Friday, April 15

5:00p.m. - Wii on the big screen

Ely Main Lounge

7:30p.m. - Sweeney Todd
Dever Stage

10:00p.m. - Latino Ball
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, April 16

10:00a.m. - Spring Holiday Party & Egg Hunt
Scanlon Banquet Hall

2:00 & 7:30p.m. -
Sweeney Todd
Dever Stage

8:00p.m. - MOVIE:
Green Hornet
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, April 17
8:00p.m. - MOVIE:
Green Hornet
Ely Main Lounge

SGA Report: End-of-year hall events taking place come May

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

Cynthia Siegler, Director of International Programs announced that the Ireland and Poland Exchange programs are officially underway. There are four spaces available to students at each of these programs each semester.

Stop by the International Programs Office located in the lobby of Parenzo Hall for more information on these exchange programs as well as upcoming study abroad courses.

Joshua Hettrick, Assistant Director of Residential Life, also attended the meeting to hear student's feedback and questions about how the housing sign-up process went. He said, "For the most part, I think it went pretty well."

Hettrick said that while seniors did not all get their first pick of apartment housing between New Hall, the Apartment Complex, and Landsdowne Place, he said all seniors were granted apartment housing if they signed up for it.

Hettrick said that less than 4% of rising sophomores received apartment-style housing between New Hall and

the Apartment Complex. He said about 30 students out of 685 rising sophomores will be in apartment-style living.

"Landsdowne is at full capacity for the next year," said Hettrick, and the University does not anticipate employing off-campus housing such as the EconoLodge next semester.

Courtney Hall is planning a tournament for its residents called "The Courtney Cup."

The event will be teams of 6-8 students competing in events including a Super Smash Brothers tournament, capture the flag, wiffle ball, dodge ball, and a scavenger hunt. The winning team may win Six Flags Season tickets.

Davis Hall's end-of-year celebrations will take place on May 5th and 6th. Thursday, May 5th will be a Carnival Party at 4:00 PM with music, sno-cones, a slip n' slide and other fun activities.

Friday, May 6th will be a campus-wide game of man hunt.

Glow sticks will be handed out at Davis Hall and the game will start at 8:00 PM.

Saturday, May 7th Dickinson Hall will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo themed end-of-year event.

Lammers Hall will be offering CPR certification

training on April 28th for \$10. Lammers will also be giving away Free Dunkin Donuts for two people which will be determined the days during finals.

The date for the "Tri-Hall Bonanza" end-of-year event with Scanlon, Lammers and Courtney is to be decided.

Landsdowne Place will be hosting their end-of-year event on May 5th from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. They will be having Gigi's Pizza, a DJ, Tye-Dye, Water Pong, and other activities.

The Class of 2014 will be hosting a giant game of Musical Chairs on the green

on Wednesday, April 27th with sessions at 4:30p.m., 5:00p.m., and 5:30p.m. Tickets are \$1. Sign up with Barbara Hand in SGA on the basement level of Ely today.

Be sure to buy your ticket for "Fabulous" which will take place on April 25th. Tickets are \$10⁵ for students and are on-sale at the Campus Center Window and online at westfieldalumni.org/fabulous.

The Campus Activities Board will be hosting its last events of the year with Trivia on April 20th at 8:00p.m. and Brown Bag Bingo on April 29th at 11:00p.m., both in the Ely Campus Center.

A note from WSU's Career Services:

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The Westfield Voice will print "letters to the editors" if the authors so please and can be either anonymous or can include your name (you must note that you do not want your name listed otherwise it will

be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.

Courtney Hall's damages exceed \$20,000



photo by Ginny Cummings

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two toilet paper dispensers, one paper towel dispenser, and one hand soap dispenser needing to be fixed on a second floor bathroom. \$500.00 was charged to the building because there were 50 coins super glued to the floor.

The report reads, "This was an intentional and deliberate act which caused damage to floor finish during the removal process."

There have also been incidents where students have ripped TVs off the walls in the lounges.

On the damage report, there were 81 \$100.00 charges alone along with many other amounts of damage.

This is just an overview of the damages and doesn't include the damages from two weekends ago that were at \$2,000.00 alone in one weekend. This is why Courtney Hall staff and Residential Life staff felt the need to address the big issue at hand.

As of April 2011, Courtney Hall has racked up over \$20,000 worth of damages. Fong and other members of the residential life staff finally decided to take action.

Conlogue said that decisions to put the restrictions in place in the building were the result of discussions among the residential life staff about the "nature and severity of the current issues."

Also, Residential Life did research on the measures that were previously put in place that were successful and had a consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs.

After last Thursday's meetings, Fong, Graduate Assistant Tatiana Urriola, and Residential Life staff members along with Resident Assistants in Courtney Hall have had follow-up meetings with Courtney students. "We'll continue to do this," Conlogue said.

Along with 24-hour quiet hours and the no guest policy initiated in the building, the "staffing presence in the

building – including our staff and Public safety staff members – has also been increased," said Conlogue.

Many students, whether at the meetings or not, have discussed their displeasure with the actions taken in Courtney Hall.

Conlogue said, "While such responses are never a preferred way of dealing with issues within our halls, they are sometimes necessary in order to alter a pattern of disruptive and destructive behavior."

There were several students who Residential Life has spoken to, he said, that expressed their concern about the conditions in Courtney and agreed that something had to be done about it even if they didn't like it.

"I'm happy to report," Conlogue said, "that behaviors in Courtney Hall have improved considerably in recent days. We hope that this will continue, which will allow us to look at relaxing some of the measures that were put in place last week."

Student Spotlight



Name: Tom Waghome
Hometown: Bedford, MA
Major: Criminal Justice

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

After Westfield I would like to have either a probation job or a government job.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

Grenade by Bruno Mars.

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner who would they be, and what might likely be the topic of conversation?

Let's see...Shaquille O'Neal, Morgan Freeman, and Jim Carrey. We would discuss a movie starring the three of them and then I'd ask them their opinions on Charlie Sheen.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?

Just relax with friends.

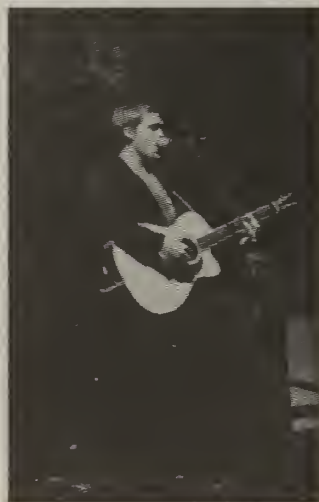
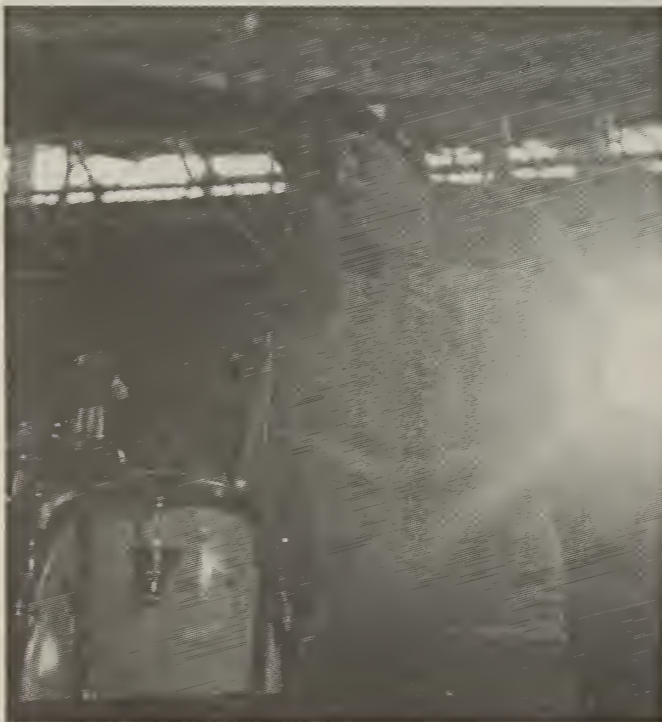
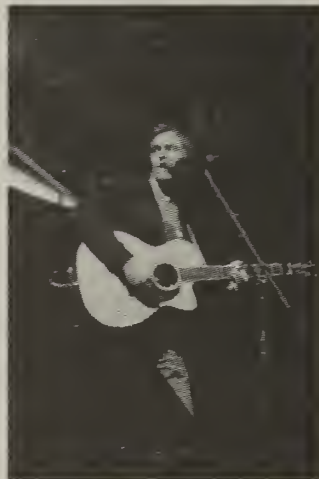
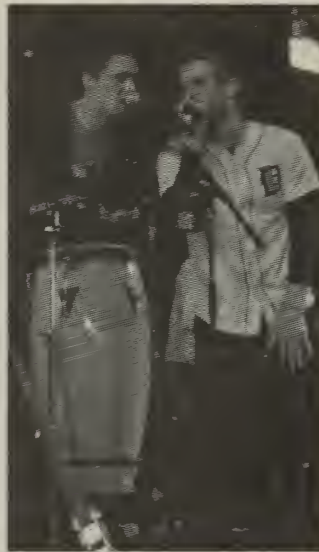
What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

Hm, that's a good question. It would have to be when I worked on the 2010 Habitat for Humanity project in North Carolina and got to see the people we were helping and witness their reactions.

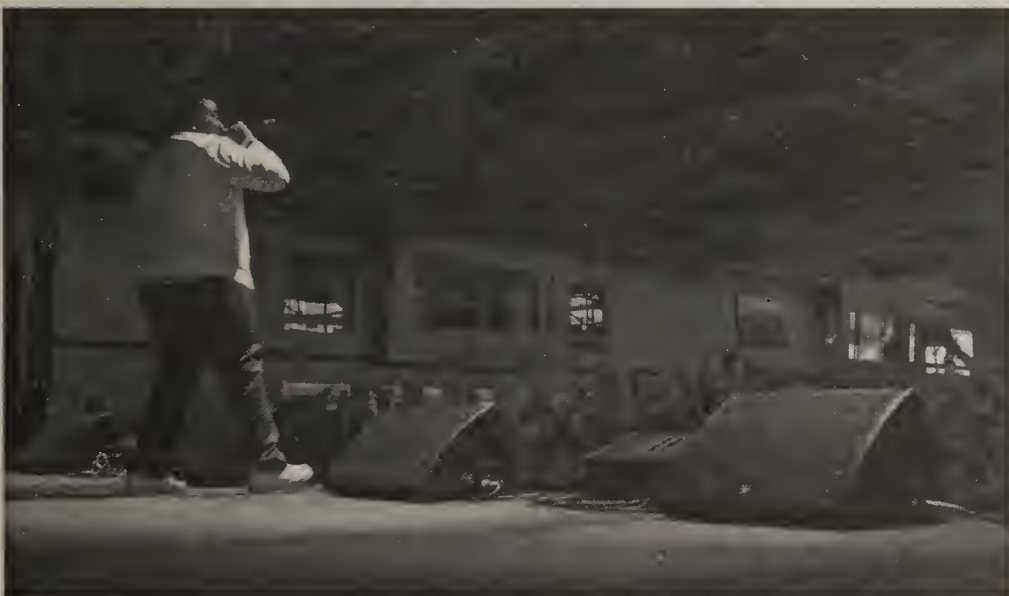
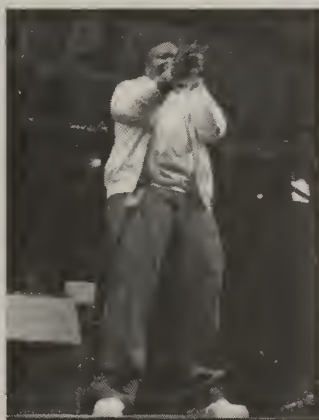
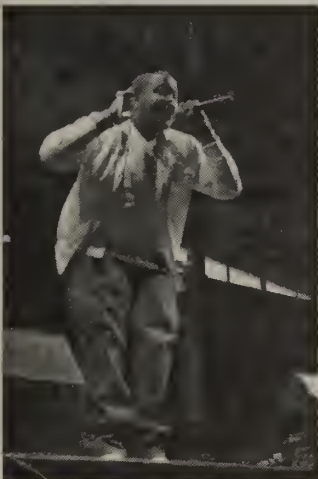
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If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.



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REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahy

Seth Rogen – Born April 15, 1982



Seth was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, son to Mark and Sandy Rogen, whom he describes as “radical Jewish socialists.” He attended both middle school and high school in Canada, but never

graduated from the latter. As a young kid, he was known for his stand-up comedic performance at the summer camp, Camp Miriam. His comedy business started when he was only 12 when he signed up for a comedy workshop class. At the early age of 13, Seth and his friend Evan Goldberg wrote a rough draft of the movie Superbad. Before American Pie came out in 1999, they worried that the film had taken their ideas, but once they realized they still had a shot, they

worked all throughout their high school career perfecting the script. He won second place in the Vancouver Amateur Comedy Contest in 1998 and shortly after landed a supporting role in the TV series “Freaks and Geeks” with James Franco and Jason Segel among others. Seth is best known for his roles in “Knocked Up,” “Pineapple Express” and “Funny People.” He has also lent his voice to movies like “Horton Hears a Who!” and “Monsters vs. Aliens.”

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Edward John Smith– Died April 15, 1912



Smith is best known as the Captain of the ship Titanic. The Captain was born in Hanley, England. He attended school until the age of 13, when he traveled to Liverpool to begin his seafaring career. When

he was 30 years old, Captain Smith took his first voyage as officer in command upon the SS Celtic. In 1888 he earned his Extra Master's Certificate, making him a full Lieutenant. At the same time he joined the Royal Navy Reserve, of which he later became. Captain. In 1895 he became the captain of the Majestic and held the position for nine years. He was awarded the Transport Medal by King Edward VII and gained wide acclaim with the wealthy

passengers that would travel aboard his vessels. He commanded numerous ships with only few troubles, and in April of 1912 it was announced that Smith would be the Captain of the Titanic on her maiden voyage. At 11:40p.m. four days after its departure, the Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic. It took two hours and 40 minutes for the ship to sink, killing 1,500 people, including Captain Smith, whose body was never recovered.

Book Review: The Accord

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

“The Accord,” by Keith Brooke is a novel that tries to transcend the difference between reality and virtual reality.

It follows Noah Barakh, the creator of a project known as “the accord,” as he is on the run from Jack Burham, a politician out for revenge after he learns of his wife Priscilla's affair with Noah.

Both Noah and Priscilla escape into the accord, and events unfold from there.

Much of the time I was reading this I thought that the love triangle was just a track on which Keith Brooke was placing his ideas and this concept of a virtual heaven, and everything that revolves around it.

The result is that some

parts of the book are not truly necessary to the story, but they are uncommon.

One of the best parts of the book is the concept it explores, the idea of a virtual reality as an after-life.

In this virtual reality, a person effectively downloads his or her soul into a database, which then places the person into a virtual world of the consensus of the minds making it up.

This idea is then manipulated and explored upon in most imaginable ways. Concepts like this have been used before in science fiction novels, but not in so creative a way as this.

The content is very philosophical yet also makes great efforts to explain the “science” behind the accord, which makes this a tough read at times, albeit a satisfying one in

some places where the novel is especially thought-provoking.

Also, some of the “science” mentioned above is rather hard to believe possible, even with lowered standards.

Another point worth noting is the point of view in the book.

This story is told mostly in first person, but it is done in such a way that the reader truly gets inside the heads of the characters instead of reading a simple narration by a character.

This allows for a level of depth of the main characters that is quite a treat, especially so with three characters.

There are parts of this novel that feel out of place, and some other minor issues that make this novel imperfect, but overall it makes for a novel that will not fail to make you think. 7 out of 10.

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B.O.M.B Fest: Connecticut festival draws big acts in 2011

Matt O'Brien
Voice Reporter

This Memorial Day Weekend, Western Connecticut State University will play host to what is becoming a very important festival to the music industry.

The appropriately titled Bring Our Music Back Festival, or B.O.M.B. Fest, is a two-day powerhouse of a concert being sponsored by a non-profit organization.

It hopes to raise money for schools to help fund better music classes and other art related causes. Only a few years old, B.O.M.B. Fest is quickly becoming a well-known festival.

The idea came from a high school senior named Frank Bombaci Jr., who wanted to help spread the word about local artists, bring people together for a common cause, and help raise money for charities.

The first B.O.M.B. Fest was held at the Harkness Memorial State Park in

Waterford, Connecticut in June 2009. It featured many up and coming local bands, along with Say Anything, a much larger band, headlining.

The show was a success and helped to raise \$30,000.00 for music initiatives, as well as money for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Last year was an even larger year for the festival. Moved to the Durham Fairgrounds and held on May 30, it attracted such acts as 30 Seconds to Mars, Lupe Fiasco, and MuteMath, in addition to over thirty local bands from the surrounding regions.

Once again, they raised money and awareness for various music organizations and charities. Seventy percent of all proceeds from the festival every year go to various charities from the area.

This year, the B.O.M.B. Fest is really upping its game with an explosive lineup (pun intended). Now a two-day festival held in Danbury, Connecticut, it is really drawing in some extraordinary

performers.

Some major acts include Weezer, Wiz Khalifa, Coheed and Cambria, Neon Trees, Against Me!, George Clinton, and even Snoop Dogg.

With these worldwide artists coming from across the globe to share the stage with local artists, it is bound to be a memorable event for everyone attending.

In addition, these local artists will gain a tremendous amount of exposure from being able to perform before the major acts. The charities and music initiatives will also gain a lot of exposure and funding from such a large crowd.

What does the future hold for B.O.M.B. Fest?

According to their official website, their five year plan is to eventually embark on a national tour to various college campuses, hoping to spread the word about their cause.

But for now, B.O.M.B. Fest 2011 will take place on May 28th and 29th at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Connecticut. A



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Weezer is just one of the big bands that will be attending B.O.M.B Fest this year.

\$99.00 pass gives you access to both days of the festival, which includes over 60 diverse musical acts.

If you are looking to see some of your favorite musicians performing live in a great atmosphere, while also discovering new artists and

helping raise money to local charities, then B.O.M.B. Fest is the place to be this Memorial Day Weekend.

For a full list of who is performing, as well as rates, lodging, and a short history of the festival, head to their official website at www.bombfest.com

Tommy D's is having a Toga Party!

Wear your togas to Tommy D's on Thursday, April 21st!



Drink Specials:

- Bunny Milk: \$6.00
- Stoli Around the World: \$8.00
- Any flavor Margarita: \$5.00
- Super Iced Tea: \$4.25
- Sierra Nevada Draft: \$3.50
- Heineken Bottles: \$3.00
- Thin Mint Shot: \$3.75
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- Jack Daniels Honey: \$5.50
- Jacks Honey Balls: \$4.50

"Sexually Transmitted Diseases continue to be a serious public health challenge especially, in the 18 to 24 year age group."

- Department of Public Health

April is STD Awareness Month:

The SGA Health Committee with the support of Re-sliffe are sponsoring Baystate Medical Center's Integrated HIV Testing and Counseling Services to offer free HIV testing.

Statistics from Massachusetts in 2009 indicated that the highest percentages of chlamydia and gonorrhea were in the 18 to 24 age group. Don't be one of them. The testing is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st from 9AM to 2PM in Scanlon Banquet Hall. All results are confidential.

"Get Real, Get Talking, Get Yourself Tested."

For more information, visit www.cdcnpin.org

The Competent Conservative: No tax dollars for abortion

Brady Kerr
Voice Reporter

If you happened to turn on the news last week, then you would have noticed that the federal government was in the midst of a shut-down.

The good news is that it was averted and the government will keep on doing what it does best, embarrassing the American people.

However an ugly debate took place over a provision to fund Planned Parenthood, the top family planning agency in the United States.

The democrats wanted to fund it and the republicans did not. Both sides have good reasoning, however the fate of 300 million dollars will ultimately be decided by the Senate.

I am personally against abortion rights for women, however I feel that it is not my decision to make.

The law states that a woman can terminate her pregnancy, and I must respect that.

The House republicans do not share that belief, they are fueled by Tea Party fervor, and blind to common sense.

The moderate views are never heard, and actual common sense is muffled by the screams of political ideologies.

Planned Parenthood has recently been involved in some questionable situations regarding professionalism at their clinics.

The federal government intervened and has been investigating the claims, and I feel that the executive members of Planned Parenthood will correct any problems found.

Every organization has their problems, and the government will ensure they follow proper protocol.

Like it or not the services provided by Planned Parenthood are helpful and include screening for cancer, pregnancy testing, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and sexual



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Citizens voice their opinions on the hot topic of planned parenthood and how it should be funded.

education.

The most controversial being abortion which takes up just 3% of their services.

The major problem is that people do not want their tax dollars going to fund abortions, which is a fair argument.

However, there is a law on the books called the Hyde Amendment that disallows federal funding for abortion services.

So the public can rest assured that their federal tax revenue will not go towards something they might find morally wrong.

The United States has a crushing deficit and something needs to be done in order to make sure our country is stable.

The congress should be focused on cutting spending, it is the responsible thing to do.

Courage and competency are on short supply in Washington, and its showing.

Shutting down the government over Planned Parenthood funding is just plain childish.

The Angry Liberal: Stop attacking women's rights

Abortions do not end with criminalization because the past shows that women still seek illegal ones, even risking their safety to do it.

Thus, abortions occur whether or not they are legal, and that is why access to abortion must remain available to all American women.

State bills that try to restrict this have sprung up in Nebraska, Idaho, Ohio, Kansas, Texas, South Dakota, and others, one even subjecting women to hear the heartbeat and listen to the description of the fetus before getting an abortion.

These women, including those who are victims of incest and rape, can close their eyes or cover their ears, but they would still have to go through it.

When did emotionally torturing women become legal?

The federal level is not much better, with President Obama just barely saving Planned Parenthood funding through negotiations with Republicans last week.

But even that is not enough, as the compromise will cut funding for vital family planning services.

Why the assault on women's rights? No woman or girl should be forced physically to go through carrying and bearing a child.

Do Americans want to see impoverished children growing up and do Republicans want more people eligible for programs like Medicaid and welfare, the very ones they are trying to cut funding for?

If not, then the efforts against contraception and abortion access should stop.

Ideological differences are one thing, but limiting a woman's right to safety and health care for her body are another.

All for what? So the Tea Party politicians who have been gnawing at the Republican Party can cut "government spending," which includes reproductive health care for women?

So state legislatures can relish in Republican victory? No, this is not a victory for anyone.

This is appalling and women and men all over the United States need to stand up and fight this aggressive attack on women's rights.

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

In the United States, 76.7% of state legislators and 83.4% of federal legislators are men.

This seems rather odd, then, that there are such efforts to cut federal funding for Planned Parenthood and to pass state laws restricting access to abortion, all measures affecting the health care of women.

One cannot help but wonder if Speaker John Boehner has ever worried that he was pregnant or if Ron Paul ever struggled to get access to abortion.

Laughable, right? Not if you are a pregnant teen and these politicians come out against your rights.

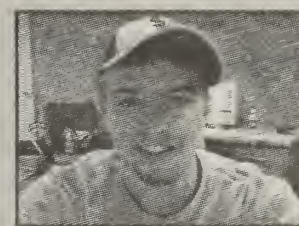
And abortion is a right to privacy because a woman's decision to have a child is hers alone, and in no way should the state or federal government try to restrict that.

If they did severely restrict or make abortion illegal, abortions would still occur.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



I hate to say it, but I'm looking more and more right when I said the 2011 Boston Red Sox were overrated.

While I thought this team wasn't as good as people were saying because of their pitching staff – which isn't entirely false – it's been the team's atrocious hitting start that's the reason they sit at 2-9 (as of Wednesday morning).

Last week I said people needed to relax, which is true because it's still mid-April. The Sox could go and win nine in a row and they're right back on track.

But with the terrible way this team is playing, I just don't think they're that good. Could they be no better than a .500 team for the entire season? It's possible.

I said it last week and I'll keep saying it. John Lackey is a terrible pitcher. Overpaying for the "best" pitcher in a weak free agent class and making him your second highest paid player is simply a terrible idea.

I hated the move then; I hate it even more now.

It's rivaling the ridiculous signings of Julio Lugo, who couldn't even start for crappy teams before we signed him, and J.D. Drew, who... I don't even want to comment on J.D. Drew. I'll save my rant on why Theo Epstein is an overrated general manager for another day.

Anyway, Lackey is a joke and will continue to get demolished by the A.L. East for the rest of the season.

Then there's Daisuke Matsuzaka. He's been a .500 pitcher with a 5.00 ERA at best since fluke 18-3 season in 2008. He's the most frustrating pitcher to watch in baseball. My dad and I say it every time he pitches,

and even the broadcasters on ESPN agreed when Dice-K got shelled Monday night. He takes ten years between pitches, diddles around up on the mound and turns an 0-2 count into a free pass to first base.

On Monday, when he actually decided to throw strikes, he threw them right down the middle of the plate so they could be smacked all around the ballpark.

I also have to blame Terry Francona because the man just doesn't know when it's time to take out a pitcher. When a guy's getting crushed and clearly doesn't have it, take him out!

That's what the Yankees did with Phil Hughes last week and that seemed to work out pretty well. But Terry just doesn't have the heart to hurt a guy's feelings and take him out early.

How many more terrible starts from Dice-K before the Sox come up with a b.s. injury and put him on the disabled list for the next three months? I'm going to set the over/under at 2.5. I'll take the under.

Clay Buchholz hasn't looked good and as I stated before, I won't trust him until he's puts together back to back good seasons. I've seen too many young pitchers have a great season one year and then struggle to find success again.

Was the four year extension the Sox signed him to on Monday a way to try to boost his confidence?

The only positive sign from the Red Sox pitching staff was Josh Beckett's Sunday night performance against New York. I thought Beckett was done, but if that performance was a sign of things to come, the Sox have

their ace back.

The most concerning thing for Sox fans is Boston's terrible hitting to begin the season.

Dustin Pedroia is finally hitting the ball, but what's going on with Kevin Youkilis and Carl Crawford?

Jacoby Ellsbury can't get on base so he only has one steal. But hey, look on the bright side, at least he has a team leading two home runs... or maybe that's a backhanded insult to Boston's power hitters. Marco Scutaro is terrible. Another one year wonder Theo overpaid that I said was an awful signing at the time. What the hell was wrong with keeping Alex Gonzalez?

Jed Lowrie is hitting .438 in limited action and it may only be a matter of time before he kicks Scutaro to the bench fulltime.

I think that was the most golf I've ever watched in a single afternoon. I just couldn't get myself to do anything else on Sunday with the exciting drama unfolding at the 2011 Masters.

Tiger Woods played the

best he has since his tumultuous 2009 car crash and if a few puts had gone his way on the back nine he may have come out on top.

Tiger the person isn't a good guy, but Tiger the golfer makes the sport so much more exciting when he is playing well.

Rory McIlroy had one of the most epic collapses I've personally witnessed. His tripple bogey on the 10th consisted of a tee shot into the woods that looked like one of my slices (at least it gave us a good view of some cottages I never knew existed) followed by another shot into the woods and a tree shot on his attempt to get out of the woods.

He got a par on the 11th but four-putted the 12th for a double bogey, thus ending his chance of winning the tournament.

I was rooting for Rory and the kid has a bright future. He was a great sport afterward, but on Sunday he showed us how tough it is to win a major. Charl Schwartzel played outstanding on Sunday and deserved to win.

His eagle shot on the third hole was the shot of the day and supplied the momentum that led to Schwartzel's win.

I know I don't talk about golf a lot, but I respect the sport immensely and love to play the game. I can't think of any sport that's mentally tougher and I give a lot of credit to these underrated athletes. Congratulations Mr. Schwartzel.

I'm running out of room but before I go, I'd like to personally thank Evan Longoria and Josh Hamilton, my first two picks in my fantasy baseball league, for both getting injured less than two weeks into the season. Great job guys. That's the way to win a fantasy championship...

Well that's all for this week folks. Check back next week for a special edition of the Sports Nest featuring myself and fellow sports writer Tyler Morissette debating the upcoming NFL Draft. It's going to be a lot of fun and something I think the readers will enjoy.

Until next time, have a great long weekend boys and girls!



Upcoming WSU Home Games

Saturday, April 16

Softball vs. Framingham State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Framingham State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Women's Lacrosse vs. Becker College @ 4:00 p.m.



Support your Owls!



Westfield sweeps Bridgewater behind strong pitching

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday during spring weekend, Westfield State baseball fans got to watch a great pregame performance that led to an amazing concert.

In a two game sweep of the Bridgewater State Bears, the Owls won both games by shutout scores of 6-0 and 2-0.

In the first game, the Owls were helped by a strong pitching performance from Roman Mondalto, who struck out five hitters and only allowed four hits in the seven inning game.

The win was Mondalto's third win of the season and helped bring down his era to a team leading 2.48.

Helping Mondalto was the timely hitting of Alex Cloutier, who knocked in two

Owls with a single in the first inning.

Not to be outshined by Cloutier and Mondalto, sophomore Kevin Greene hit his first home run of the season over the scoreboard in right field.

That was all the run support Mondalto needed as he easily handled the rest of the Bears hitters en route to the victory.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Coach Arra went to lefty sophomore Bret Siflinger.

Siflinger also pitched a complete game shutout with a five hit, seven strikeout performance.

The win was Siflinger's second win of the season. Bret was in control the whole game, as the Bear hitters could not contend with Siflinger's nasty slider.

Bret was very appreciative

of the support that his team gave him after the game.

"Our defense was outstanding so it was easy.

trouble late in the game, Siflinger was able to rally back and record a ground ball out to escape a bases loaded rally from

it.

"I wasn't really thinking any differently then I had been the innings before," Siflinger said. "I was just a little more focused on each individual pitch.

"In that situation, I had to make sure I hit the spot, especially with that last kid. He was the best hitter on their team, and if I missed my spot it would have been a tie game or worse.

"Fortunately, that didn't happen and the Owls were able to win the game.

Similar to the first game, Cloutier had another crucial RBI for the Owls as he hit a double to right center field to bring in Jeff Ackerman, who was walked earlier in the inning.

With the sweep the Owls are now 3-1 in the MASCAC and 10-12 overall this year. Meanwhile, the Bears fell to 9-9 on the season.



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Roman Mondalto pitched a complete game shutout for the Owls on Saturday.

"All I had to do was spot my pitches and get ahead in the count and let my fielders make plays, and they did."

After getting into some

the Bears.

When asked about his thinking during that moment in the game, Siflinger said he tried to remain calm and think about

Playoff preview: 2011 NBA playoffs begin on Saturday

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

The time has finally come for the NBA's best to get together this spring and battle it out to find out who will take home the hardware.

This year's NBA playoffs are shaping up to be one of the best in recent memory.

There is finally a hand full of teams talented enough to win deep in the playoffs. The top four seeds in both the Eastern and Western conferences have legitimate chances of doing some damage.

As I write this on April 11th, assuming the playoff picture remains the same, I see a lot of interesting matchups in the first round series.

The Boston Celtics have whittled their way down to the three seed in the East looking to face the New York Knicks starting this Saturday.

Due to the Knicks late trade deadline acquisitions, their record is just over .500. That does not reflect the type of team they are at all.

New York's backcourt may be the strongest in the playoffs with Chauncey Billups and Carmelo Anthony leading the way.

With the Celtics slumping in the last few weeks of the season, look for them to have trouble especially at the Garden in New York.

The passionate fans there have been waiting for a playoff team for some years now and won't let it pass them by.

Like every season in the NBA, many first round upsets

are extremely unlikely in a multi game series.

The second round will keep fans on the edge of their seats as the best will collide head to head to earn a spot in their conference championship.

With Kendrick Perkins back in the lineup for the Oklahoma City Thunder, I predict Kevin Durant and company will pull off the upset of the playoffs in the quarterfinals.

Winning one game before going back to Oklahoma City would be ideal for the young Thunder.

The most anticipated series of the first two rounds will come when Boston travels to the new look Miami Heat and take on their "Big 3" to see who will advance to play who I think will be waiting, the Chicago

Bulls.

The Heat are gelling at the right time taking a page out of the Celtics playbook from 2008 when their new "Big 3" came together to bring a title back to Boston.

They're playing stifling defense and are running the break at a fast pace that the aging Celtics will not be able to hang around with.

Although the Celtics always seem to surprise me, this season won't be the year.

Even though Miami was last season's winners getting Bosh and James, while holding on to Wade, Chicago's balanced attack will win game seven at home.

This season's future MVP, point guard Derrick Rose, will be too much to handle for Miami's thin lineup.

Chicago will head back

to the finals for the first time since Michael Jordan was wearing Bulls black and red in the 1990s.

Despite a late season losing streak, I believe the Lakers will rebound to make the NBA finals for the fourth consecutive season. Kobe Bryant's impressive playoff performances will continue to be on display as the aging legend will take full advantage of this opportunity.

The Lakers NBA Finals experience will take over this series as they win it all in six games.

Chicago will have no answer for Los Angeles' two seven footers in Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum.

Phil Jackson will earn his twelfth NBA ring against the franchise he once had so much success coaching.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

You'll be feeling a little adventurous at the moment, but try to remember to exercise a little discipline and self-restraint. If you can just manage to do this, then you really ought to be able to give yourself a shot at making a few fresh starts.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You'll be doing an awful lot of work behind the scenes, and you should be able to accomplish a lot more on your own than by working with others. Don't be afraid to make a few sacrifices on behalf of others.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Your social life will really be starting to take a turn for the better this week. Just try not to get too carried away with things if you can help it.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Try to remain positive and don't create any unnecessary trouble for yourself this week. Just make an effort to put any old concerns aside and get ready to start moving forward into the future.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

It's time for you to accept some new challenges and to start making some changes in your life. You're getting ready to begin some very interesting new adventures, so you better be prepared.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

If you've been working hard and been very focused lately, some people should finally be starting to notice. Your intuition will be running high today, and you really ought to be able to get to the bottom of a few things right now.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You should be having the chance to make some positive new beginnings, so get ready to take the initiative. Try to strengthen your bonds with those closest to you as well.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Even if you still have a few minor doubts, you should be feeling a lot more certain about the path you'd like to be on at this time.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

It'll be a good time for you to get out and have a little fun today, so don't be afraid to take center stage and let your light shine. Some enjoyable romantic opportunities should be keeping things interesting for you, too.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You should think about inviting a few folks over since you'll want to enjoy as much time around the house as possible.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

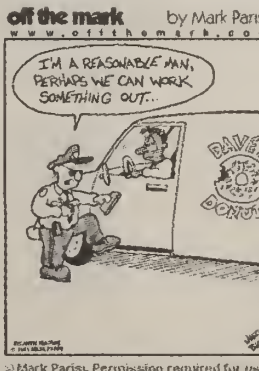
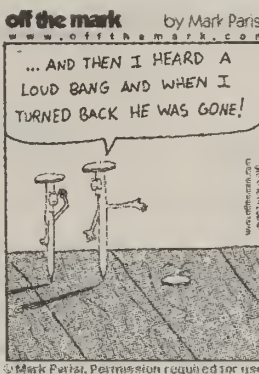
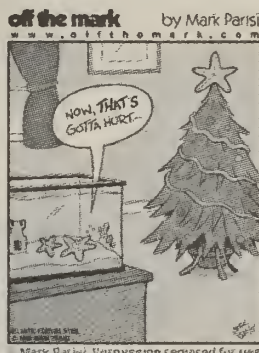
You're bound to be pretty busy today. And if you're worrying about a few difficult situations, just remember to remain flexible and open-minded and everything should turn out much better than you imagined.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

A few financial issues will be taking center stage for you. If you have some concerns that you're a little reluctant to let anyone else know about, just do what you can to put any worries aside for the time being.

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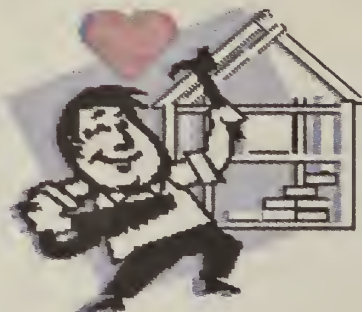
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Wednesday, April 27th



Community Service Day

Why? Volunteer to assist, help a project, resume builder, does the heart good - *most of all, it helps those who need it.*

What can you do? Plenty!

On campus: Circle K annual "Jail & Bail" - Ely Campus Center
Contact Karen Renda ... krenda6690@wsc.ma.edu

Off campus: Start to refurbish Westfield Vocational Technical
High School Auditorium
Contact Ken Magarian ... kmagarian@wsc.ma.edu

Time commitment: 2-3 hour shifts

Transportation provided to Vo-Tech (2 mi. from campus)

Certificates to all: President Dobelle will be giving out signed
certificates to all who are able to participate.

See Faculty/Staff/Students in JAIL ...help BAIL them out!



4th Annual Jail and Bail - to benefit Camp Sunshine

Ely Campus Center
April 27th - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bail out
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WSU's Barry Maloney selected to be President of Worcester State

Samantha Fahey
Editor-In-Chief

On April 4 it was announced that Barry Maloney, our Vice President of Student Affairs has been selected to be the President of Worcester State University. He is set to replace the current president, Janelle Ashley, starting around July 1 if this year.

"I was nominated by former Westfield State President Fredrick Woodward," Maloney said. "This is a very exciting opportunity."

Concerning whether or not he had been involved with Worcester State in the past, Maloney said, "Not formally, but since the school is part of the same public higher education system, I was familiar with the campus."

Physically, the campus is roughly similar to our own, with around the same number of students.

Maloney said that he is looking forward to, "the new challenges and opportunities."

"I am also looking forward to being part of a community with multiple institutions of higher learning," he said.

Maloney said he has already made plans for Worcester State.

"Based on the feedback I received during my interview, [I plan to] be a very visible public face of the institution," Maloney said. "Worcester is also in pursuit of an athletic complex similar to the one

we have here at Westfield.

"Working on that project and getting to know all the people will take up a great deal of my time early on."

Shifting back to Westfield

State University, Maloney started working here in 1991 as an RD and was named VP of student affairs in 2008.

Maloney said that it's "hard to pick one [favorite] thing" but that it's "probably the people - the faculty, staff and students."

"I will miss the campus, community, the students, my colleagues," he said. "The decision to leave was not an easy one as I have enjoyed my time at Westfield immensely."

"Westfield is a great school, be proud of your institution," he continued. "Also, don't follow what others tell you to do. Follow your heart."

"Find something that you love doing, something you'd do for free anyway and do it. If you can get paid for doing it, that's true success. If you can't get paid for it, do it anyway and don't give up hope."

"Find a skill you can get paid for to pay the bills, but don't give up what you love to do. Sometimes the people who end up being successful in the end are simply the ones who hung in there no matter what."

"Either way, you won't end up having regrets because you were afraid to take the chance and took a safer path instead."



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Sweeney Todd a huge hit this past weekend due to splendid acting performances by the entire cast. See review on page 7.

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Friday, April 22

8:00p.m. - Comedian

Pete Lee

Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, April 23

7:00p.m. - Fashion

show: "What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas"

\$6 in advance/\$8 at the door

Scanlon Banquet Hall

8:00p.m. - Movie: No

Strings Attached

Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, April 24:

Easter!

8:00p.m. - Movie: No

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Ely Main Lounge

SGA Report: WSU building upgrades won't interfere with education

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

Kevin Queenin, President of the Board of Trustees attended the weekly Student Government Association meeting.

He said that the \$5 million dollar expansion of the dining commons will be open by the end of September.

The "Next Hall" project will cost about \$51 million, the new academic building will cost \$55 million, and a future renovation of Dever Auditorium will cost roughly \$2.8 million.

Queenin said that this money is not conflicting with Westfield's quality of

education thanks to the Strategic Planning Board which brought these plans to the state at least five years ago.

"We are very conscious of the cost per student, and we are very proud of keeping the cost below \$16,000," said Queenin.

Roughly 32% of our university budget comes from the state, so balancing is a challenge, says Queenin.

"We are \$2.5 million short in terms of balancing the budget," he says.

However, Queenin assured the student senate, "We will not compromise the quality of education we have here at Westfield."

Davis Hall

Council President, Taylor Fote announced that Davis will be hosting outdoor events and games such as four square next week. The time and date is to be decided.

Davis Hall will also be giving away free t-shirts at their end-of-year celebration when residents fill out a survey about the building. There will also be a "Take your picture with Rosemary" photo station with a 5 ft. cut out of Rosemary.

April 27th from 4 - 7p.m. will be Courtney, Scanlon, and Lammers Tri-Hall Bonanza. The location is to be announced.

The Class of 2014 will be holding a musical chairs event also on April 27th

with sessions beginning at 4:30 PM on the campus green. You can purchase your \$1.00 ticket in SGA to help support the CHARGE syndrome foundation.

This month's Blood Drive was a success. With about 200 donors, the Red Cross collected 174 units of blood surpassing their goal of 143.

On Tuesday, April 26th there will be a Bone Marrow Drive in the Parenzo Gym.

Applications for main lot decals for next year will be e-mailed out to students beginning May 1.

The next Student Government meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 PM.

The Westfield State University Circle K club presents...



The first annual benefit dance
When? Saturday, April 20, 2011!



Tickets will be available beginning Monday April 18th at the Campus Center Window from 10am-4pm and are \$5.00 each!

All proceeds will go to Children of Peace International to help better lives in Vietnam so come out and support a great cause!

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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.

The Angry Liberal: The budget battle

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Is anyone else weary of hearing politicians use the words "budget crisis," "fiscal responsibility," "national deficit," "debt ceiling," and "financial crisis" without doing anything to effectively help?

Whether an individual identifies as a part of either side of the political debate, the discussion of these terms becomes irritating when the "debate" is all talk and results in no action.

Despite the partisanship of the debate, there are a few facts that almost all are in agreement on: the U.S. has spent beyond its capacity, the national deficit is too high, and the financial problems are leading the nation into an even bigger economic mess.

So how do they fix it? Paul Ryan, Republican Congressman from Wisconsin, has a plan for deficit reduction that essentially raises health care costs for seniors and cuts funding from necessary programs.

And although the Democrats have ideas to cut defense spending and renew higher taxes for the wealthiest Americans and businesses, they are thwarted by the ideological battle.

That is not to say that the Democrats or President

Obama have all of the great ideas.

Two weeks ago, after President Obama, Speaker of the House John Boehner, and Senator Harry Reid came to a temporary agreement about the budget to avoid a government shutdown, Obama said that they "made sure at the end of the day this was a debate about spending cuts—not social issues like women's health and the protection of our air and water."

"These are important issues that deserve discussion, just not during a debate about our budget."

That agreement came just an hour before the funding was to end and although Obama should be praised for holding on to important programs, the fact of the matter is that these issues, the ones about women's health and protection of air and water, are very related to the budget and should be involved in the discussion of the budget.

Obama and the Democratic leaders are giving up too much in this fight with Republicans, especially amidst the pressure of radical Tea Party Movement politicians.

How can Democrats and Obama hold on to beneficial programs when they are forced to make such compromises?

The Republican-controlled House of Representatives can pass all of the budget bills that it wants but they will never be passed in the

Senate.

This means that this budget battle will continue to dominate much of the political talk and even the 2012 election, which is nearing.

The entire budget debate is disappointing and disheartening for Americans.

Elected leaders are acting like children and stubborn ideology does not permit any progress.

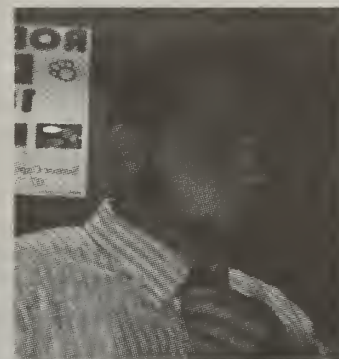
Defense spending has to be ultimately cut, those making millions and billions of dollars every year amidst American poverty need to be taxed higher like they were in the 1950s.

The Tea Party (non)Movement needs to either find a platform and actually do something, or stop squawking and slowing down the process, which is already slow and difficult.

The one glimmer of hope that could help bring all of these fighting politicians together is the "Gang of Six," three Democrats and three Republicans in the Senate who have held secret meetings over the past few months about fiscal measures to address the budget problems.

They have been discussing big issues in the debate and one can only hope they can come to some sort of agreement that will work to get the stubborn, bickering politicians to move forward for once this year.

Student Spotlight



Name: Robert Pettengill
Hometown: West Springfield, MA
Major: Communication/Media Arts

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?

Stand up comedy/host a talk show

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?

Freaks & Geeks by Childish Gambino

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner who would they be, and what might likely be the topic of conversation?

I would invite Henry Wefing, Lou Merloni, and Donald Glover. We would talk about sports.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?

I have had the pleasure of having Professor John Paulmann for two courses during my first semester at WSU. He's a magical man!

*If you would like to be in the spotlight - or know someone who deserves it - email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu
and tell us why.*

"The Pitfalls and Dangers of Nuclear Power: A Mandate for a Carbon-free, Nuclear-free Future"

Come see Anti Nuclear Activist Hattie Nestel
On May 5 at 7:00p.m. in Wilson Auditorium A!

Hattie is an activist extraordinaire, participating many times in civil disobedience at Vermont Yankee and peace walks through Vermont.

This event is sponsored by the Physical Science & Environmental Science Depts.

The Competent Conservative: The battle continues

Brady Kerr
Voice Reporter

The United States has a \$14 trillion national debt. To anybody with a little common sense it would seem apparent that the government should cut its spending levels.

Last week President Obama, Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Speaker John Boehner reached a deal to cut \$38 billion from our budget.

Sounds like a lot of money, right? Well not exactly, it's just about 1% of government spending. This deal is a pathetic response to the anger of the American people.

One particular area that should be cut is defense spending.

There is no doubt that it is one area that is destroying federal spending levels.

The 2010 defense budget began at \$533.8 billion, adding on "overseas contingency operations" brings it to \$663.8 billion.

However it gets better, a mysterious \$16 billion gets added on in the process. Bringing the grand total to

around \$680 billion.

I'm not done because it seems that somewhere between \$109.1 and \$431.5 billion is added as interest in debt incurred from past wars.

The actual spending is somewhere around \$1 trillion.

I'm a little confused; the Defense Department gets to add money to their budget after the original amount has been approved.

The excuse is that the money is needed because there is a "clear and present danger" involved in defense of the United States.

I agree with that to a point, but I also think that the United States should be more frugal.

War is expensive and the government should avoid getting itself into conflicts that it cannot pay for. War means higher taxes, and that puts a strain on the average working American.

Spending across the board is out of control; Medicare & Medicaid is at \$793 billion, and Social Security is at \$701 billion.

Together they make

up 43% of the federal budget. Defense spending begins at 20% and then balloons up because of allocated discretionary spending to an unknown percentage.

There is obvious waste involved in entitlement spending, but at least that type of spending benefits people in America.

Defense spending goes to helping other countries, such as the \$23.9 billion that is spent on overseas military construction.

A huge source of waste comes from over priced military contractors that take advantage of our wild spending habits.

The current budget is immoral and does not accomplish much in the way of reducing American debt.

Future generations of Americans such as myself will have to pay off debt that occurred due to governmental irresponsibility.

Our defense spending is out of control, and before we start cutting programs that make health care more affordable to low income Americans, we should focus on trimming military waste. It can and must be done.

Editor's Desk



Hi everyone! Easter is finally here! The forecast for Sunday isn't too sunny, but it's usually wrong so we'll see what happens.

We're so close to the end of the semester. Don't the semesters just fly by? Thinking back, it feels like high school took up so much of my life, and even though I live here, college just goes by so much faster.

I'd just like to thank Professor Paulmann for buying us pizza on Tuesday and for the beautiful flowers that are decorating my desk in the Voice office! You are a wonderful man! Thanks from Alex too!

Oh, and just to let everyone know, we are looking for a new Angry Liberal to take over for Kristin when she graduates! Email us, democrats!

Samantha Fahey
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Letter to the Editor: speak out for your rights as citizens and college students

To the Editor:

Spring Weekend at Westfield State elicits thoughts of warm weather, basking in the sun's rays down at Stanley Park and the coming of the end of spring semester.

For those who are 21 and older—and of course the many students who routinely ignore the legal drinking age—Spring Weekend also conjures up thoughts of playing Dizzy Bat, Flip Cup, Beirut and Corn Hole while consuming copious Jello shots, shot-gunning Bud Lights and socializing with peers wielding red Solo cups.

I graduated from Westfield State in 2010 and since graduating, I have remained extremely involved in the school and its students, as my friends are generally a year or two younger than I am. It is this fact that caused me to return for Spring Weekend 2011, a series of three days where I was deeply disappointed.

While college is predominately about academics and figuring out who you want to be in life, a major part of those formative four years—and sometimes five years—for many students involves drinking.

The college may have its own rules regarding alcohol use, but the city of Westfield is a completely different story. I speak specifically about off campus drinking, and the unfortunate issues the Westfield Police Department has caused for students over 21 who choose to drink on their rented property.

I can recall Spring Weekends from 2006 and on when off campus parties would rage on and people had the time of their lives without causing much insult or injury to others.

In fact, over the years, small get-togethers have been overlooked by the Westfield Police Department, while larger parties of over 100 guests have forced renters to obtain permits

from the police.

I know this because I lived in an apartment on Summer Street for two years while attending “Wastefield,” as it was once called, and the police never broke up our events.

I remember drinking in the parking lot in front of our building during the Spring Weekend of 2009 with over 50 people, and not one officer had a word to say, nor did they even drive by.

Other larger parties on several main streets were also allowed to go on after permits were obtained; the same houses that had parties broken up this year, although far more people attended in previous years when the residences were rented by different students.

It wasn't until spring semester of 2010 that other residents of the Summer Street building, who were 21 and older, began to have their parties broken up by the police.

This is an occurrence that I, along with a mass of students and citizens find extremely unfortunate, and see it as a clear violation of rights and an attempt to use loopholes to obtain the police department's desired result.

After several parties were broken up over Spring Weekend this year, I learned of the specific details surrounding each break up. At one party held in the driveway of the building, officers arrived at noon before the majority of guests had even arrived.

Police explained in their defense that the party was “out of control,” which seems a bit difficult to lend evidence too considering it was mid-day and noise ordinances are not in effect until 10 p.m.

In addition, there simply were not enough guests to warrant the opinion that it was out of control. Police proceeded to raid the house as well, while decked out in bulletproof vests, which seems almost ridiculous.

I was also informed that this was the case at several other supposedly “out of control” parties occurring during the day.

Police obtained warrants for the residences because of that fact that guests were charged admission and according to the Westfield Evening News, “received beer in return.”

This would violate the liquor license laws in place, as private residences are not authorized to sell alcohol.

It seems as if the community-policing unit is using loopholes to prevent issues before they even arise, for the sheer fact that they do not enjoy dealing with intoxicated college students in their city.

If we look at the facts, there is no evidence to support the idea that the renters were selling alcohol.

Yes, admission was charged but there is no proof whatsoever that indicates or even infers that purchasing a ticket provided each guest with x amount of alcoholic beverages.

If we are to examine all options here, admission may have been charged to raise money for a cause, or to pay for the other activities provided at the party such as a bounce house, which is quite costly to rent.

In fact, unless an officer purchased a ticket and was informed he could now fill up his cup, this is an extremely weak argument on the department's side. The police have also said that if the party guests were instructed to “bring their own beer,” there would not have been an issue.

I find that statement rather ironic, considering the police are quick to break up any party, whether guests bring alcohol or it is provided by the renters.

I'm quite confident that if one were to do the research—

determine the number of parties that were broken up when alcohol was provided by renters and compare it to the number of parties broken up when guests brought alcohol—there would be an insignificant difference between the numbers.

Using the argument posited by the police, let's examine a similar hypothetical situation.

My middle-aged parents decide to have a BBQ in the driveway of their home, while providing several kegs of beer for their guest list of 300 people.

They also decide to have guests contribute \$5 upon arrival to help cover the costs for food and other activities such as a bounce house.

What are the odds that the police arrive in bulletproof vests and raid the home because my parents sold tickets to guests for whom guests “received beer in return”? Sounds rather hilarious if you take it out of context...

The police department explained that approximately \$5,000 was spent on overtime during that particular weekend.

In their defense, the police did cite that no instances of drunk driving were reported, no deaths occurred, and only two students were placed into protective custody.

While I understand that maintaining public safety is the number one concern for the police, there is absolutely no reason why those of the legal drinking age should have to suffer, especially during one of the most important weekends of the semester.

There are undoubtedly plenty of ways that the police department could be spending their time and money in preventing citizen harm while allowing students to enjoy the college experience.

Let's face it: college will always include a significant amount of alcohol consumption,

whether the police allow it or not.

Research in the field of sociology and deviance, as well as in the field of criminal justice, has shown that when more restrictions are placed on alcohol consumption, people are more likely to break the law. As the saying goes, when you restrict a citizen's freedom, you invite chaos.

The intelligent and logical solution would be to regulate age appropriate alcohol consumption.

Since the department clearly has no issue in approving overtime, why not use that overtime to routinely drive by large parties that have obtained permits, ensuring that the 21+ guests do stay in control.

Officers could also park outside parties, similar to how they stalk the parking lot of Tommy D's on Thursday nights, and ensure that drivers are not intoxicated.

And for those parties who sell tickets—which is a great way to ensure that guests are 21+—an officer could stand outside the entrance to the party and collect tickets and check ID's.

In closing, I hope that by shedding some light on the situation, others will be encouraged to speak up for their rights as citizens and college students, and question the ethics and practices of the Westfield Police Department.

I would also like to add that this letter is not related to the Westfield State University policies on alcohol in any way, but rather asks that the city of Westfield reexamine their policies regarding Westfield State students living off campus and alcohol consumption at parties.

Sincerely,
Katrina M. Powell
Westfield State University,
Class of 2010
Reporter for the Community
Newspaper Company

Minutes spent on the green

Austin Hall
Voice Reporter

Here is a half-hour account of a beautiful day on the green during April 3, 2011.

3:50: It's beautiful, and it's actually making me sweat for once," Brad Bator, freshman.

3:49: Matt Ellis, junior, "The day is appealing whether or not the weather is appealing."

3:48: Eric Jespersen, sophomore, "It's fantastic."

3:47: Lewis has started to play a Vampire Weekend song.

3:46: Some kid just made a great Frisbee catch. He's lean, with a dark tan wearing red basketball shorts.

3:45: Some people have stopped playing soccer and are leaving.

3:44: The wind stopped.

3:43: The grass has gotten a lot greener.

3:42: The wind has picked up.

3:41: There is a kid behind me who just sat down on the grass.

3:40: Now the kid with the drums and guitar are playing a song together.

3:39: There is a kid playing drums again, it's the hand drums. He has a light blue ski cap on with long brown hair and a black sweatshirt.

3:38: People have left their clothes on and around a tree right in front of me. Some people actually hung them on the barren tree branches, but others shirts and sweatpants are strewn around the ground next to the tree.

3:37: It's not as windy as it was a minute before, making it warmer.

3:36: There is another kid with him and he is talking about a band that used many guitars in their music.

3:35: The kid is singing a new song.

3:34: There aren't that many clouds in the sky.

3:33: It hasn't been windy for a while, but it's picking up again, making it colder.

3:32: It sounds like the kid is playing another Radiohead song. It's from their album, "The Bends".

3:31: Two people are playing Frisbee right next to the golden globe in the center of the green to my left.

3:30: There are others with guitars surrounding him, and now they are singing the song with him.

3:29: Now he's playing "Paranoid Android" by Radiohead

3:28: The kid is singing again, it's "Roxanne" possibly.

3:28: Someone new just joined a soccer game in front of me.

3:27: The kid who played "Whip My Hair", named Lewis Pacheco, has returned to his group to play more guitar.

3:26: There is a girl sitting behind me on a blanket on the grass.

3:25: Some people are sitting on blankets on the grass behind me. There are two or three of them.

3:24: A kid is walking up to a girl and her mom; he's signing an acoustic version of "Whip My Hair" by Willow Smith.

3:23: People are singing songs right now with their guitars, mandolins, and drums.

3:22: Someone was playing hand drums just a few moments ago, and it's on a table right now. The table is right in front of me and is old and wooden.

3:21: There are many acorns on the ground, which must have been left over after the winter.

3:20: The wind is making it quite cold, but when it isn't windy, it's quite warm, probably around fifty degrees. Some people are playing guitars and mandolins.

3:19: It's quite windy out, but the sun is shining and quite bright. People are playing soccer and the ball skipped right past me just now. I am right by Lammers Hall and I'm sitting on a bench

twenty-five feet away from the Hall. It is also right near the golden globe in the middle of the campus. In front of me is Ely in the distance.

Westfield State University: weather ready

Samuel Ziegler
Voice Reporter

Weather is something that is constantly on almost everyone's mind; from looking out the window to see whether it's raining, to paying close attention to the television, computer or radio to find out what's going on, everyone cares about the weather.

Perhaps it is for this reason that Westfield State University has its very own weather station, which is located on top of Parenzo Hall.

It is interesting then that despite the importance of weather to many of our everyday lives that very few students know of the station's existence.

"I had no clue there was one", said Nick Peterson, a senior at WSU, "I just found out we have a radio station".

In respect to the lack of knowledge about the station, it should be known that Carsten Braun, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physical Geography, and Geographic Information Systems are in charge of the weather station.

The weather station was installed by Dr. Braun himself with help of faculty members from Facilities and Operations, as well as members of IT in December 2010.

According to Dr. Braun the station "measures the basic meteorological variables: air temperature, relative humidity, vapor pressure, wind speed, wind direction, atmospheric pressure, and solar radiation."

A link to which can be found at the following link to WSU weather station.

The station supplies information in real-time as well as being able to be downloaded to students and faculty alike. In the near future Dr. Braun stated

that he will be installing a rain gauge, and that more sensors are available if wanted.

For anyone interested the website of the station manufacturer [provided by Dr. Braun] is, click here.

An interview conducted via email of Dr. Carsten Braun also follows below. Also it should be noted that the transcript has not been edited.

Q: Where is the weather station located on campus?

A: The weather station is on



the roof of Parenzo Hall - you can see it, for example, from the main entrance of Bates.

Q: When was it put in? And by whom?

A: The weather station was installed in December 2010 by myself, with help from some folks from Facilities and Operations and IT.

Q: Who is in charge of the station?

A: I suppose I am in-charge.

Q: How is it maintained and paid for?

A: The weather station was paid for as an equipment request from the GARP department. Most of the annual maintenance involves basic inspection / cleaning of the sensors and the station tripod. Every 2 years or so some sensors need to be recalibrated and replaced if necessary to ensure accurate data collection. Of course, things can break (e.g. the wind sensor), especially in the winter when snow and ice sometimes freezes onto the station.

Q: What are its measurements

features?

A: The weather station measures the basic meteorological variables: air temperature, relative humidity, vapor pressure, wind speed, wind direction, atmospheric pressure, and solar radiation. The station also measures rainfall, but only in the 'frost-free' season - I will install the rain gauge next week. We could add additional sensors if needed (and money is available). The station is self-contained in terms of power: a small solar panel is used to charge the internal battery that powers the station. The station is connected to the Internet in real-time and the data are available on the web.

Q: Other than its 'Hobo link' do students have access to it?

A: Well, HoboLink provides all the access anyone really needs: you can view the actual measurements in real-time and also download all collected data for further analysis. There is really no need for anyone to actually go to the station + the college really does not want anyone to walk around on the Parenzo roof for safety reasons.

Q: Is there anywhere else to find additional information on the station?

A: Not really - I plan to make a proper website at some point in the future that includes some more information about the station, the measurements, and the sensors. Anyone who wants to use the data for a project can simply download it and contact me for more information. Here's the website for the manufacturer: http://www.onsetcomp.com/products/weather_stations

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add or expand on?

A: Well, I think it is worth mentioning that this station and the collected data will be used in a variety of classes, for example Physical Geography, Severe and Unusual Weather, and Meteorology.

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry ft. Kanye West - E.T.
2. Rihanna - S&M
3. Black Eyed Peas - Just Can't Get Enough
4. Cee Lo Green - Forget You
5. Lady Gaga - Born This Way
6. Jeremih - Down On Me
7. Chris Brown - Look At Me Now
8. Britney Spears - Till The World Ends
9. Jennifer Lopez ft. Pit-bull - On The Floor
10. Adele - Rolling In The Deep

Top Movies

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2. Scream 4
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5. Soul Surfer

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Fly Away
2. Blood Out
3. Waiting For Forever
4. No Strings Attached
5. I Am Number Four

Top Albums

1. Adele - 21
2. Britney Spears - Femme Fatale
3. Radiohead - The King Of Limbs
4. Hollywood Undead - American Tragedy
5. Wiz Khalifa - Rolling Papers
6. Chris Brown - F.A.M.E
7. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More
8. Asking Alexandria - Reckless & Relentless

Sweeney Todd : The Demon Barber of Fleet Street



Photo by the Dever Auditorium blog

Jessica Thelen Voice Reporter

This past weekend, the Music Department put on four performances of Stephen Sondheim's musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

I attended the final performance on Saturday night and I was floored. The entire cast and crew did an amazing job, and that is not an overstatement. The crew was right on cue with the set changes, the orchestra performed the challenging score perfectly and with bravado, and the cast performed with gusto.

"Sweeney Todd" focuses on the ever-intriguing concepts of revenge and how obsession with revenge affects your life and the lives of those around you.

"Sweeney Todd" focuses on a man named Benjamin Barker, alias Sweeney Todd, who was framed and sent to Australia by the lustful Judge Turpin. Turpin sent Barker away in order to steal Barker's beautiful wife, Lucy.

Brian Cipoletta played the vengeful Sweeney Todd with aplomb; with fire in his eyes and an evil glint in his smile. You could truly believe Cipoletta when he said that he will get his revenge no matter what. Sweeney escapes from

jail and returns to London in hopes of finding Lucy and their daughter, Johanna. Sweeney is rescued from the sea by the young sailor Anthony.

Brad Avery played Anthony perfectly: he was earnest, in love with Johanna, and sweet. You could feel his love for Johanna (played by Caleigh Ducharme) when he first saw her in the window of Judge Turpin's house. Sweeney returns to London to find out that his wife went insane due to Turpin's treatment of her and that Turpin keeps Johanna as his ward.

As Sweeney is wandering the streets of London, he enters Mrs. Lovett's Meat Pie Shop. Rachel Ryan played the obsessed yet clever Mrs. Lovett with a spark rarely seen on the stage.

I cannot say any more because I don't want to spoil the many plot twists that make "Sweeney Todd" the great musical that it is. Not only was the acting and dancing in "Sweeney Todd" incredible, but the singing blew me away.

Caleigh Ducharme's falsetto sent chills down my spine and Topher Holmes did a hilarious portrayal of the Italian barber Pirelli. The entire cast, crew, and orchestra did an amazing job. I greatly look forward to the next Music Department musical production.

Dr. Ruth a hilarious hit

Meaghan Chalmers Voice Reporter

On Wednesday April 13, 2011 Westfield State University had the extraordinary pleasure to welcome Dr. Ruth Westheimer as a guest speaker for the final installment of the 2011 Speaker Series.

Dr. Ruth is a 4' 7" spitfire that has more accomplishments in her life than any one person can usually hope for. She is foremost a psychosexual therapist and speaker.

She was born in Germany in 1928 and was, unfortunately, separated from her parents during the Holocaust.



Photo courtesy of Samantha Fahey

When she turned seventeen, Dr. Ruth joined the Haganah, Jewish Freedom Fighters, after which she became a kindergarten teacher in Paris.

Dr. Ruth migrated to the United States in 1956 where she achieved her Masters in Sociology from the Graduate Faculty of the New School of Social Research.

She also obtained her Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Study of the Family from Columbia University Teachers College in 1970.

Dr. Ruth has also taught at Lehman College,

Brooklyn College, Adelphi University, Columbia University and WestPoint as well as had many fellowships and adjunct professor jobs at other institutions. Additionally she has been named College Speaker of the Year twice.

Outside of her teaching career, Dr. Ruth has written several books, starred in shows that include some pertaining to her psychosexual field, and has produced a board game.

She has had several television and radio shows, which were widely popular internationally.

Dr. Ruth's visit to Westfield was much anticipated due to her wide popularity and also because we have had the privilege of hearing her speak

in the past.

She started her speech by covering some background on where she stood on some key issues such as abortion.

Dr. Ruth then proceeded to take questions from the audience, which were collected anonymously.

Then with the help of university president Dr. Dobelle who read all of the questions, as awkward as they were, Dr. Ruth answered as many questions as she could.

Dr. Ruth's visit was well worth the wait, and maybe one day we will have the pleasure of seeing her again.

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

Danny Gokey – Born April 24, 1980



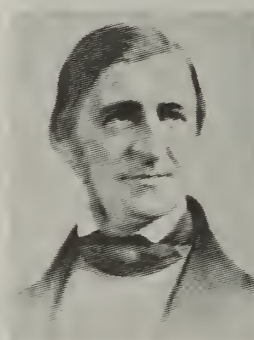
Daniel Jay Gokey was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the fifth of six children. He started singing in church and has always been deeply devoted to his religion. He served as the worship director at Faith Builders International

Ministries, his church in Milwaukee, for several years. Though he has stated that, given the choice, he would rather record mainstream, popular music rather than contemporary Christian music, he has also stated that his faith is the “key to who I am.” In 1996 when he was only 16 years old, he started dating Sophia Martinez and the couple was together for 12 years. She was a huge fan of American Idol and convinced Danny to audition for the show for the eighth season. Then in 2008,

at the age of 27, Sophia Gokey went in for a routine surgery for congenital heart disease. It was her third time going in for the surgery and she died from complications. Four weeks later, after almost backing out, Danny auditioned for the show and came in third overall. He now has 1 album out and another in progress, scheduled to come out in 2011. He also started a foundation in his wife’s name, Sophia’s Heart, which provides donated musical instruments to students, among other things.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Ralph Waldo Emerson– Died April 27, 1882



Emerson was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on May 25, 1803 as one of eight children, though three of his siblings died in childhood. He started school in 1812, attending Boston Latin School. Five

years later at the age of 14, Emerson began attending Harvard, and even became freshman messenger for the President of the college, which required him to catch students who misbehaved and then send messages about them to the faculty. By his senior year he began going by his middle name, Waldo. He served as Class Poet and read an original poem at his graduation when he was only 18 years old. In 1826 his health grew poor and he moved to Florida in order to

escape the cold weather. There, he had his first experience with slavery and wrote extensively about it. He was indeed anti-slavery and traveled around during the Civil War, giving numerous lectures. Numerous people in Emerson’s close circle of family and friends, and even his wife, all died at very young ages and all within a relatively close timeframe, all of which affected Emerson greatly. He is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, Massachusetts.

Book Review: Debt of Honor

Lyndon Seitz
Voice Reporter

“Debt of Honor,” written by well known suspense novelist Tom Clancy, is an incredibly long novel featuring his often used protagonist Jack Ryan, who in this novel becomes the National Security Advisor to President Roger Durling, the other protagonist in this story.

The riveting plot is multifaceted, with each plotline relating to each of the several main issues that President Durling must face. He must face an economic crisis, a scandal involving his vice president, and most importantly recent military aggression by Japan. These all build up and interweave in the first half of the novel, only for the action to pick up significantly in the second half of the novel.

My one major critique of this novel is that the first

half is relatively slow and filled with exposition and events that, while necessary, are sometimes difficult to get through in a 900 page book. However, once everything started to pick up, it made for some of the most suspenseful and exciting fiction I have ever read, with an ending that is both brilliant and jaw-dropping at the same time.

There is little to say about the writing except that its clear style suits the story well, and the dialogue only helps the characters become more real. As for the characters, there are an incredibly large number, many of which you won’t remember, but more importantly the major players in the story are memorable.

Overall, this is a complex suspense novel that takes a long time to build up, but it is well worth the time spent reading it for those able to sit through the less action packed parts. 8 out of 10.

Friday Night Lights returns for final season

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

For those people who are missing the football season, NBC is filling in that void with an amazing show: “Friday Night Lights”. The show, in its final season, is unlike any other show.

The upcoming season has already been broadcasted on Direct TV, and the season DVD already came out two weeks ago. This marketing strategy might sound weird to most people but it has become the norm for this well written and acted show.

Fans of “Friday Night Lights” are familiar with the threat of cancellation lingering over the show’s figurative head.. In fact, season 4’s finale was the first time that viewers were able to enjoy the end of one season knowing that another season was guaranteed to follow.

In the process of taking

audiences on this high school-inspired journey, “Friday Night Lights” has regularly allowed its characters to grow in real time, even taking some characters to graduation and setting them off on the next stages of their various lives.

“Friday Night Lights” is not a show that has a regular structure. Although seasons are generally structured around the football season, this show is not about football.

“Friday Night Lights” has always been a socially conscious, sports-curious, character-driven soap opera with a high school backdrop.

There’s a level of honest, raw humanity in “Friday Night Lights” that few TV dramas have ever achieved. Over and over and over, the show and its characters wear their hearts on their sleeves, in a way that has somehow made them more solid and real than characters on other

series of similar quality.

Unfortunately, most viewers do not watch television to be confronted by emotions as powerful as the ones that this series presents.

When you watch this show, you feel as if you are a part of the town, and the team, and you bleed with the characters, and cry with them, and, on occasion, even soar with them.

Sadly, a lot of people simple do not want to get that close with characters on a TV show. But for those that do, while they share with the characters devastating lows, they also have the opportunity to share in the glorious moments of the show as well.

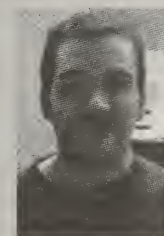
Simply put, “Friday Night Lights” has become one of the greatest TV dramas of all time. I urge anybody and everybody to choose to watch this show, because you will not regret that decision.



Ramblings from the Sports Nest

Special Edition Debate featuring

Rob Donoghue and Tyler Morissette



In this special edition of the *Sports Nest*, sports editor Rob Donoghue and sports reporter Tyler Morissette debate some of the hot topics and give their opinions on the upcoming NFL Draft.

1. Carolina Panthers: Tyler-Cam Newton

This is a very difficult decision to make. On the one hand, Newton is destined to be a great QB who has all the tools to succeed. But does Carolina want to invest on a quarterback who has had one great year when they have so many other needs? Newton would form a nice duo with Jonathan Stewart to help Carolina's offense.

Rob- I begrudgingly agree with Tyler's pick. I think Newton has a lot of talent, but he's more interested in signing sponsorship deals than learning a team's playbook.

Jimmy Clausen looked terrible last year and a new coach means a new QB so taking Newton just seems like it's something the Panthers would do. He could be the top player in this draft class or the next Vince Young... only time will tell.

2. Denver Broncos: Rob-Marcell Dareus

John Elway is my favorite player in NFL history but so far I have no faith in his ability to be as good of a leader in the front office as he was on the field.

I don't know what to expect from this team with a new head coach but the Broncos defensive line needs some serious work and Dareus is a strong athlete that will be a huge upgrade for Denver's defense.

Tyler- Rob, how could you forget about **Patrick Peterson**? He is the best corner in this draft and would be a perfect

heir apparent to Champ Bailey. While Dareus is a great player, the Broncos need to fix up their aging secondary.

3. Buffalo Bills: Tyler-Von Miller

With Newton off the board, the Bills would be smart to get the best player available. That would be Von Miller. Miller would be perfect for Chan Gailey's defense and would help young Aaron Maybin realize his full potential after a mediocre first couple of years.

Rob- I hate to do it, but I agree with Tyler again on this one. The Bills need about 12 first round picks to fix their team but taking Miller would be a good start.

Tyler- Rob, as a Bills fan (I'm so sorry) what does the future hold for the Buffalo?

Rob- They're three years away from being a play-off team, but have enough talent on offense to be competitive if their defense could stop a Pop-Warner team.

4. Cincinnati Bengals: Rob-A.J. Green

The top wide receiver in this draft will fill the gap that the departure of Chad Ochocinco/Johnson and T.O. will leave.

I don't know what will happen with Carson Palmer, but I don't think Marvin Lewis would take a quarterback this high.

Tyler- I still don't know why the Bengals would want to get rid of the amazing two sports star Chad Johnson, but A.J. Green is my pick as well – even though this team is going to need a quarterback because Carson Palmer has been pretty adamant that he wants out of Cincinnati.

5. Arizona Cardinals: Tyler-Blaine Gabbert

If the first four picks

play out the way that I just predicted, then the Cardinals will run, and I mean run to the podium to select Blaine Gabbert.

With this pick, Larry Fitzgerald won't have to deal with quarterbacks who can't throw the ball down field.

Rob- Gabbert? That's a joke, right Tyler?

Gabbert isn't even the best quarterback in this draft and he reminds me much more of an athletic Chase Daniel than a Matt Ryan or Sam Bradford.

I just don't see Gabbert having a good NFL career and I'm pretty sure Fitzgerald will hold out for the rest of his career if the Cardinals draft another young QB rather than acquiring a veteran.

This is the spot I see **Patrick Patterson** falling to. He's a top talent who shouldn't fall past this pick. Peterson will be a special player in the NFL.

Tyler's prediction: Rob, enough agreeing, here is my bold statement for the draft: **Jake Locker** will be the biggest bust of this draft and will be a career backup. He's a poor man's Matt Leinart...

Rob- Well I was planning on writing a prediction for Locker later, but I guess there's no better time than the present. I think Locker goes 12 to Minnesota and has a great career in the NFL. I watched every one of his games in 2010 and he played well despite a new offensive line every game and an atrocious supporting cast.

Unlike clowns such as Leinart, Quinn and Russel who busted in the NFL, Locker has a ton of passion for the game and is willing to put in the work every day while others are out partying. Locker has all the skills you would want in a quarterback and is a proven leader.

He's a more skilled Tim Tebow who will do anything to succeed at the next level and help his team win.

Tyler- Um Rob, Locker had the opportunity last year to come out and be the first pick in the draft. He stayed in school and got his degree, good for him. But by staying in college he exposed himself to more of his flaws.

He does not handle pressure well, and when was the last time he won a big game? And don't say the Holiday Bowl because he played awful in that game. Locker should've played baseball.

Rob- Enough nonsense, Tyler. I love Locker but he was overrated last year by your boy Mel Kiper and never would have been the top pick. He had all the same issues last season that "experts" suddenly discovered this year.

He's recognized his flaws and is improving on his accuracy and decision making daily. I'm feeling good about adding another purple jersey to the collection when I pre-order my Vikings Locker jersey on April 28.

Rob's prediction: **Mark Ingram** will not be taken in the top 20 picks and will not end up as one of the top two running backs in this draft class.

Tyler- Are you serious? This man is a big back who can get the key yards and will be a perfect addition to the Miami Dolphins. Rob, this is a weak draft for running backs and Ingram is one of the few who could actually make an impact. Who would you put ahead of Ingram?

Rob- He'll be the top back taken in the draft, but he won't be picked by the Dolphins. His injury concerns

already have him off a lot of team's draft boards and I see Ryan Williams, Mikel Leshoure and Jordan Todman all having better NFL careers. Even players like Daniel Thomas, Kendall Hunter and Delone Carter could have better NFL careers.

Undrafted backs end up as starters in this league so taking Ingram high is a risk that I think is a big mistake.

General Question: Who will be the top rookie in 2011?

Tyler- I'm going with **Jordan Todman** as rookie of year. Because of the lockout and the fact that rookies will not get a lot of time to get accustomed to their new teams, quarterbacks will be at a disadvantage.

Todman is a small back who basically carried UConn to the Fiesta Bowl. Rob, can we just save some space and just put Jake Locker as your top rookie? Because I know you want to.

Rob- No Locker as rookie of the year for me. In fact, I don't think he should play this season or probably next season – he has all the tools but needs time to sit behind an established starter like Aaron Rodgers did in Green Bay before he's ready to be an NFL starter.

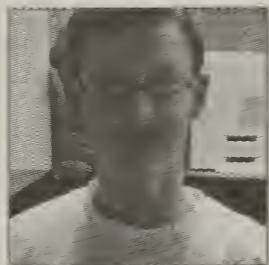
As for the top rookie in 2011 – if there is a season – I'd go with Patrick Peterson. He'll make an immediate impact on defense and in the return game.

Tyler- Thanks Rob, this has been a lot of fun. If Locker gets picked by the Vikings, I will buy you dinner.

Rob- Thanks Tyler, it has been fun. We'll have to do this again soon. If Locker isn't taken in the top twelve picks, I'll swipe you in at the D.C. for free. Just kidding, I'll buy you a pizza or something.

2011 NFL Draft: Predicting the top sleeper picks

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter



Each year, the NFL Draft provides teams with a countless amount of quality tal-

ent to choose from.

Although many believe it's all about the first round of the draft, these people are very wrong.

It is a huge misconception that teams are just built through the first 32 picks of the draft.

Teams are also put together from the other six rounds where many of the players are just as good, if not better, than those selected in the first round.

Most of where players are drafted in the NFL Draft is

based on their collegiate productivity.

For many, those skills presented at that level don't translate well to the professional level due to various reasons including competition, offense or defensive systems or surrounding personal.

Here are ten sleeper players to watch for that I think will be great in the NFL one day.

Baring an upset pick, none of these players will be selected in the first round of the draft.



photo by boston.com

Andy Dalton is an under the radar QB draft prospect.

Player	Quick Notes	Prediction	NFL Comparison
1. Andy Dalton-QB-TCU	Accurate, experienced, winner, big game ability, leader, high football IQ, good size (6'2 215lbs), could poss be the best QB in the entire draft.	2nd round to the Minnesota Vikings. Perfect fit in West Coast System.	Colt McCoy-QB-Browns
2. Jeremy Beal-ILB-Oklahoma	Great tackler, good eye for the ball, Elevated knowledge for game.	3rd round to the Baltimore Ravens	London Fletcher-ILB-Redskins
3. Casey Matthews-ILB-Oregon	Great Blood lines-Uncle, father and brother all played or are playing in the NFL, experienced, playmaker.	2nd round to the Detroit Lions	A.J. Hawk-ILB-Packers
4. Jordan Todman-RB-UConn	Compact Speed, elusive, great vision, great balance, chip on shoulder, kick return abilities, patient.	3rd round to the New England Patriots	Jerious Norwood-RB-Falcons
5. Randall Cobb-WR-Kentucky	Big play ability, quick, great hands, solid route runner, do it all player-WR, RB, and returner.	2nd round to the San Diego Chargers	Davone Bess-WR-Dolphins
6. Chimdi Chekwa-CB-Ohio St.	Physical, great ball skills, and experienced all around solid corner. First round value in the second to fourth round.	4th round to the Carolina Panthers	Marlin Jackson-CB-Colts
7. Colin Kaepernick-QB-Nevada	Great Size (6'5), scrambling quarterback, throws great on the run, experienced, winner.	2nd round (pick 39th overall) to the Tennessee Titans	Randall Cunningham-QB-Retired
8. Kyle Rudolph-TE-Notre Dame	Moves the chains, great blocker, sure hands, smart player, hard working.	2nd round to the Arizona Cardinals	Rob Gronkowski -TE-Patriots
9. Shareece Wright-CB-USC	Coverage corner, fast, gets sacks, sure tackler.	5th round to the San Francisco 49ers	Darrelle Revis-CB-Jets
10. Dwayne Harris-WR-ECU	Tall, great speed, sure hands, big play-making skills, TD receiver.	6th round to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Plaxico Burress-WR-Free Agent

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You'll have to put in an awful lot of effort today without necessarily getting much thanks or receiving any immediate rewards. But don't let that stop you from doing whatever you can to help out others.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Be sure that you make the people you care about the center of your attention today, and try to put any other concerns aside for the time being. This should help you resolve any problems you've been dealing with in any of your relationships.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Don't hesitate to take full advantage of all the opportunities surrounding you at the moment. Many of your goals and ambitions should be well within your reach if you're willing to work harder than ever before.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Even if you still have a few misgivings about some difficult issues you've been dealing with lately, don't be afraid to try a few new things and keep moving forward. Your judgment should be good at this time.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Don't be afraid to examine your most important relationships to determine if there are any lingering problems that may need to be sorted out.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
Some new relationship opportunities should be crossing your path today. So just pay attention and make sure that you're ready to leap into action whenever opportunity strikes.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Be sure to keep your goals clearly in focus, and don't hesitate to pursue them fully. If you make an effort to follow through on things, you're bound to earn the respect and support of others.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You should be able to express yourself very well at the moment. So don't be afraid to open up to others. If you make an effort to truly connect with your loved ones, you'll be really glad you did.

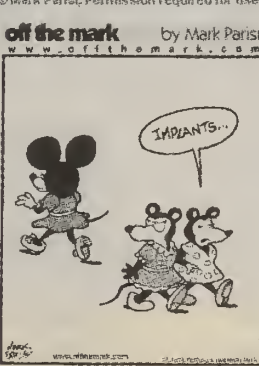
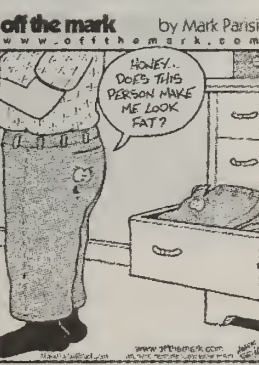
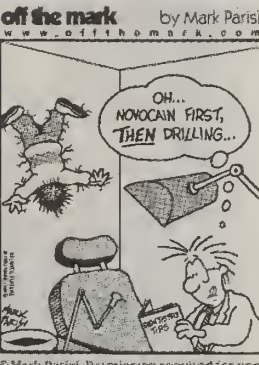
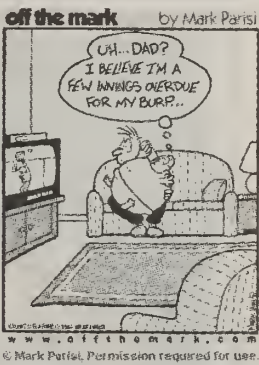
Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
If you can just try to work on developing some new ways of dealing with any family issues right now, things really ought to start looking a lot more positive and hopeful on the home front before long.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Even if you're quite busy at the moment, it'll be important to get all the little details right and get everything taken care of. Just don't get so caught up in the small stuff that you forget about the big picture.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
You'll be tempted to spend a little more than you should. But it'd be a good time for you to take an objective look at your spending habits and try to eliminate anything that's not truly necessary.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
If you're feeling pretty positive and outgoing today, just try to put all your charm to some good use.

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Jazzman's Cafe

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New Hall mail key issues not resolved

Trevor Kelly
Voice Reporter

Residents of New Hall have been without keys since mid-February. In an email, resident director William Dunn said that the decision was made due to a large number of in-hall moves along with many improperly issued keys.

He said, "Because of the volume of mail issues we've heard about, and the ineffectiveness of earlier attempts to address the situation, we have decided to rebuild the mail system in New Hall from the ground up."

In the original email, Dunn stated that, "Mailbox access should be up again no later than Monday the 21st [of February] for residents who have returned a key."

However, this goal was not met.

In a later email, Dunn gave the deadline of the end of February "at the latest." It is now late April and the students are still without keys.

In order for New Hall

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photo by Samantha Fahey

Cub Scout Den 1 from pack 110 visited the Voice office last Monday to learn about how a newspaper is put together. See page 11 for special weather updates and news from Juniper Park Elementary and Highland Elementary schools.

Black squirrels in Westfield, MA

Jenn DiRosario
Voice Reporter

Shawna Manning, a junior at Westfield State University, grew up in Boston and had never seen a black squirrel before coming to Westfield.

"I had never seen a squirrel like that. The first time I came to Westfield, I had to double check to make sure I was seeing the right thing," Manning said.

"As time progressed, I realized that Westfield is one of the only places where these squirrels live in Massachusetts. It's pretty cool to live in a city known for something that out of the ordinary," Manning continued.

This kind of squirrel is so rare to western Massachusetts that there have been stories for years about their existence in Westfield.

According to the Stanley Park website, the original story follows former Stanhome Inc. sales managers Hubert L. Worell and Alvah Elserman, who came from Michigan to Westfield to attend a conference of Stanhome, Inc. employees.

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Big Screen
Ely Main Lounge

Campus news: Notice of upcoming construction

Article is a press release
by WSU

To the Campus Community,

We are pleased to inform you that improvements to our campus are beginning. For those of you who actively participated in or who monitored the process to update our Campus Master Plan you are aware that expansion to the Dining Commons is the first renovation project of several planned for over the next few years.

Construction of the Dining Commons addition officially begins the week of April 24.

The new addition and related renovations will add an additional 300 seats to the Dean Dining Hall eliminating the present overcrowding in the dining hall that exists during meal time.

Additional renovations will include the construction of new restrooms and soft seating dining options.

The Tekoa Room will be relocated making it more accessible during other times of the day.

The Sodexo staff offices, presently in the dining area, will then move to the

present Tekoa Room location.

The addition also will create a new open look toward the campus green. This will be accomplished by installing a new 22 foot high window wall that will overlook the green and smaller new windows to replace existing windows that are in need replacement. A new color scheme, carpet and lighting will further enhance the new space.

In order to have work completed before the start of the fall semester, construction must begin immediately. The present campus green entrance to the dining hall will be closed during the week of April 24th.

A new temporary entrance will be provided for use, which can be accessed by walking through the Tekoa patio on the green side of the building. Signage will be provided to assist individuals in identifying the entrance.

Construction fencing will be erected for safety around the construction site and a portion of the windows on the green side will be blocked off for the protection of occupants in the dining hall.

During the period of construction, full handicapped access will be provided at the entrance to the building facing Scanlon Hall.

Tim and Jeanne's will

be open through commencement on May 21, 2011. The building will close for the summer on May 23, 2011. Quixote's located in Wilson Hall will be open during the summer for daily food service. Orientation and summer conferences will be serviced using the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Again, this project begins a new period of construction on the campus intended to upgrade, maintain and appropriately expand facilities to meet the needs of our current student population.

Planned projects

include the expansion to the dining space and renovations to Tim and Jeanne's, a new 400 student residence hall scheduled to open during the fall of 2013, and a new academic building.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we begin this new phase in the university's history. If you should have any questions or concerns please contact Dr. Curt Robie, Assistant Vice President of Administration for Facilities and Operations at 572-5280.

Best,
Curt

SGA Report

Tammy Adams
Voice Reporter

Bridie Carroll.

All ticket proceeds went to the Amos-Franco Scholarship fund.

Sue Lamontagne attended the meeting to discuss changes to the Sexual Misconduct Policy and the Student Conduct Regulations and Procedures.

The show "Fabulous" took place on Tuesday night in the Dever Auditorium with performances by alumni as well as Broadway stars Will Blum, Dashaun Young, and

Kathy Bradford, Director of Advancement and University Relations, gave away the first annual scholarship before the end of the show.

Stephanie Close, SGA Alumni Representative said, "It went well, although not as many people attended as we'd hoped for, but the performances were amazing."

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The Westfield Voice will print "letters to the editors" if the authors so please and can be either anonymous or can include your name (you must note that you do not want your name listed otherwise it will

be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.

New Hall key problems: residents dissatisfied

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residents to get their mail, students must find an RA or the RD. This causes an inconvenience because RAs are only on duty between 9:00p.m. and 1:00a.m. and the RD has limited hours, too.

Many residents did not even know there was a problem before the recall was announced.

"I had no idea," said senior resident Tom O'Brian and he claims that the recall "seems unnecessary for those who have not had any troubles getting mail."

However, RD Dunn feels that this was a necessary step because all previous attempts "did not provide a lasting solution, only a

temporary stopgap in student concerns."

"It was a real hassle when I was waiting for my graduation letter," said senior Kevin Keough. "I couldn't check for it on my own time; I had to wait until an RA was on duty." This issue has some future residents concerned as well.

"When you sign up to live in New Hall, you know there will be a lot of fire alarms and stuff, but I don't want to have to deal with these types of problems next year," said junior Shane Hogan.

Considering New Hall has the highest room costs on campus, residents expect an issue like this to be solved quickly. However, it seems as though this issue will not be resolved this year.

Michigan's black squirrels live on in Pioneer Valley

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As a gift to Frank Stanley Beveridge, founder of Stanhome, Inc. and Stanley Park, these managers brought with them some squirrels, which did not survive in the new environment.

Eventually they attempted to reintroduce six squirrels and they survived, being able to reproduce and thrive within Stanley Park. Black squirrels are now found all over the Pioneer Valley.

According to the Massachusetts Audubon Society "Individual black-phase gray squirrels are either the result of a spontaneous mutation, or they have inherited this trait and relocated to the area."

In the case of black squirrels, research has

been conducted proving that there was a genetic mutation in the grey squirrels, which transformed them, and the black squirrels were able to adapt to life in Stanley Park.

These black squirrels are not much larger than regular grey squirrels and of course have dark black fur.

According to Chicago Wilderness magazine, "some of those smaller black squirrels, especially the ones with sparsely haired tails, may actually be juveniles. Professor Joel Brown believes that many black squirrels may not get a chance to grow very old."

Many of the squirrels on the Westfield State campus are accustomed to having people near them.

"Both squirrels do not seem to be threatened when

approached," Manning said.

"The black squirrels are the same size and do everything grey squirrels do. Some of them are really dark and you can see them half way across campus."

Much of the Pioneer Valley has taken the black squirrel as a symbol, almost as an icon.

Connors, Inc. has even gone so far to open a store known only as "The Black Squirrel." Located on 75 Blair Road in Blandford, MA, this store sells black squirrel cast iron products, clothing, mugs and other gifts.

Through the stories, products and appearances of black squirrels in the Pioneer Valley, their reputation has been able to live on through the years.

Study abroad student to return to China to teach

Samuel Ziegler
Voice Reporter

For many, studying abroad is a great way to travel and see other parts of the world while working towards a college degree.

Hugh Maily, a senior at Westfield State and Political Science major, has used this for two very successful trips to Germany and, most recently, China.

In addition, he is now using his connections made to continue his travels and gain employment when he plans to return to China upon graduation to teach at the very university he visited in China.

An interview with Maily will give insight to his trip, as well as encouraging other students to travel abroad

during their college career.

Q: You recently returned this winter from study abroad in China for the Fall 2010 semester. How was your trip?

A: It was very different than anything I have experienced. Extreme poverty mixed with sheer beauty. Industry is everywhere and pollution is rampant. It was humbling.

Q: What did you enjoy most about your trip?

A: The people were most enjoyable. Often they would greet you with large smiles and often practice their English with you. It is interesting because many people live in extreme poverty, like \$2 a day. But they are happy.

Q: I believe you are planning to head back to China at the end of the school year, however this time to teach. Is this correct?

A: Yes. I will be returning to United International College in China. I will be teaching university students as a teaching assistant.

Q: How long will you be gone?

A: About a year. The schedule for university in China is different than the United States.

Q: Is this part of a program or are you doing this on your own?

A: I am doing this on my own. I studied at United International in China through WSU.

Q: If others are interested in doing the same, do you have any contact information for them?

A: Contact Cynthia Sigler in the Study Abroad office for study abroad. Contact Eja Lai at ejalai@uic.edu.hk for employment at UIC.

Q: What requirements would/if any have to be met?

A: The only requirement would be a college degree and any type of English or teaching concentration would give you a large leg up over the competition.

Q: Is there anything else that you would like to add or say?

A: If you have the chance, travel!

Have you ever studied abroad and gotten a really great opportunity out of it?

If you have, write about it! Let others know what kinds of experiences they could get by traveling abroad!

Send any articles to: thevoice@wsc.ma.edu.

We hope to hear from you!

The Angry Liberal: Preview of 2012 election

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

It's that time again. Springtime? No, it's presidential campaign time! At these earlier stages, there are still quite a few potential Republican presidential candidates who may challenge President Obama, although few have officially declared that they are running.

Senator Ron Paul announced a "presidential exploratory committee" earlier this week and he seems ready and willing to run against Obama in 2012. Senator Paul explained that he believes "that Obama will not be able to hang on to that enthusiasm of the young people because of what's happened in the last couple years." Paul may have rallied support from college students during his presidential bid in 2008, but he will be 76 at the end of the summer. Obama will turn 50 at the end of the summer. Are young people really going to vote for a 76-year-old?

One popular potential candidate is Mike Huckabee, former Governor of Arkansas and Baptist minister. Huckabee

ran for president in 2008, but can he get widespread Republican support? Huckabee hosts his own show on Fox News, but is that enough to serve the interests of both Tea Party Movement activists and moderate Republicans?

Another popular presidential hopeful is Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts, one of the most liberal states in the U.S. The health care law Romney signed into being in Massachusetts that is controversial with Republicans will no doubt come under debate if he should choose to run for president. What will be different about candidate Romney in 2012 that wasn't present in 2008?

Through either lack of media attention or lack of noteworthy action Sarah Palin has been quiet lately, and has also not formally announced a presidential run. Palin is a Tea Party favorite, but faces a great challenge in securing support from a broad range of the Republican Party.

The alternatives to these lackluster potential candidates are even worse: another Tea Party radical Michele

Bachmann, Newt Gingrich, and billionaire Donald Trump. Donald Trump is a wealthy businessman who attacks any legitimacy the American presidential campaign has left. How can a billionaire relate to the common person? Trump's potential candidacy is a joke and makes the election even more of a circus. Gingrich does not have the necessary popularity and Bachmann will never get enough moderate Republican support to be the nominee.

Essentially, that leaves no major contenders for Obama in 2012. Mitt Romney or Mike Huckabee may win the nomination, but they can never beat Obama come Election Day. The President can sit back, relax, and watch the Republicans fight with each other and when the debates arrive, Obama will have the upper hand as the incumbent.

President Obama will also be supported by independent voters who will lean more towards him than an extreme Republican candidate and by Democratic supporters. Obama will not need to worry about finding another occupation until 2016 at the end of his second term.

Fiscal Year 2012 Governor's Budget: Trouble for education?

Samuel Ziegler
Voice Reporter

Each year the Governor's Budget is of inquiry and debate. For the most recent [2012] budget, worry spreads amongst the education fields as funding continues to be cut.

The fiscal year 2012 resource summary for the education field is 8,157,539,000 dollars out of the total 43,042,539,000 budget in its entirety.

This is the second highest sum in the government

spending under the 'Health and Human Services' area of the spending and is twenty one percent of the total spending.

For Westfield State University the appropriated fiscal year budget is 19,323,282 dollars which is 561,344 dollars less than the previous budget of 19,884,626 dollars.

Back in January, Governor Patrick announced that the budget filed was a "balanced and fiscally responsible plan that maintains an unprecedented commitment to education and other key priorities, while continuing to

speed the Commonwealth's economic recovery."

Many however continue to worry that this will still not be enough as Westfield and many other neighboring schools brace for the up-and-coming years.

This may not be as critical as many have feared as Westfield State University. President Evan Dobelle has stated in an interview that "Academics will NOT be compromised" and that "Public Education should always be the number one policy goal of all elected leaders."

Editor's Desk



Hello! Guess who? No, not Samantha... Alex!

Surprise! Samantha is sick so I am here writing her Editor's Desk for her (with her permission, of course).

I don't have a clue what she would have written had she been here, but I guess all I can say is that I hope she feels better since this is an awful time to be sick.

I'm actually getting a lot of work done, though, because I'm alone. We usually chat a lot, A.K.A procrastinate and it takes longer! I should be done kind of early, which is good!

Well, if you guys want to send Samantha a "Get Well!" I'll leave her email for ya :) Have a good weekend!

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thevoice@wst.ma.edu.

Study abroad: A student's trip to Poland

Cześć everyone!

It's almost been a month that I have been in Krosno, Poland and time has flown by.

The first week was an adjustment period for me, although I didn't really have any responsibilities during the first week as I took in my new surroundings and became comfortable in my new room. I met my new neighbors, two American girls, one from Iowa and one from Massachusetts.

The internet and power go out at least once a day but it is never for too long. One time, both of the lights went out in the bathroom and I used technology to communicate to the maintenance staff.

I typed a word on my iTouch and translated it into Polish telling the staff worker that my lights were broken. It works out well because my iTouch uses the wifi that our building offers.

I eat most of my meals at Marhaba, a pub, and I have also gone to the grocery store and bought groceries such as juice and snacks and breakfast foods. There are three supermarkets within a mile radius of me.

There is a place called a "milk bar" that is five minutes down the street and has great authentic Polish food at a reasonable price.

I also had Jurek, which is a type of soup, and kielbasa for less than three dollars. Krosno is a pretty small city and during my time here I have explored quite a bit.

The "discos" or night clubs in the area play a lot of popular American music and Polish people don't dance the same way people in U.S. do at night clubs. Instead, they do a lot of moving in place with the company of friends.

I have also found places that appeal to my interests, such as the three places where I can play basketball indoors. One of those places also has a

work-out gym, which I bought a membership to for 50 zł (16 dollars).

A few nights ago, I went to one of the indoor basketball courts and played with Polish kids and did some drills since there was a coach there as well.

I hope to play there and work out twice a week along with going for a nightly jog, although some nights the temperatures are below zero.

I have a good idea of the town of Krosno now as well. I can get to the bus station that is about twenty-five minutes away. I have found cinemas, bowling alleys, churches, shops, and Krosno has mostly everything a city would need.

I have heard that Krakow is the place I have to visit because it is big, beautiful, and offers everything.

In regards to classes, I am taking three online classes through Westfield State and two classes here in Poland right now.

I am planning on taking a class about the Holocaust in the next few weeks. One class I am taking here now is "Intro to Poland" which is a class devoted to the "Erasmus" or "international" students.

We learn about Krosno and Poland as a whole and will take some trips to areas around this part of the country once the weather is nicer.

The other class I am taking is Polish language. We are learning Polish from the ground up. It is very interesting and the language consists of a lot of cs cz sz ch zha type sounds.

The school is a five-minute walk away on the other side of the Rynek (which is like a town square).

Because the two American girls left, I have been asked to teach English so I am a student and a teacher now.

As of the past week, I have had classes with students

and conducted the class. I have first year and second year college students as well as students who come only on the weekends. It has been an interesting experience.

I teach listening/reading as a class and I teach writing as well. The classes aren't too challenging but there are by no means easy. I have to prepare for lessons now and have a new respect for teachers and what they have to do.

I have traveled outside the country already to the land of my ancestors. I went to Miskolc and Budapest in Hungary.

I went to on a school trip to Miskolc and went in a thermal bath, which is like an indoor sauna with warm water.

There are waterfalls and sometimes the jacuzzi is on and sometimes there is a lazy river, which made it very relaxing.

I also attended a ball while in Miskolc at a University. There were dancers performing as well as live music and we had our own table with drinks of the alcoholic and non-alcoholic variety.

The food that was served was amazing. There was rice and corn covered in a yellow sauce with chicken in it as well as a brownish sauce with meat and potatoes which were on the side. Both dishes were delicious!

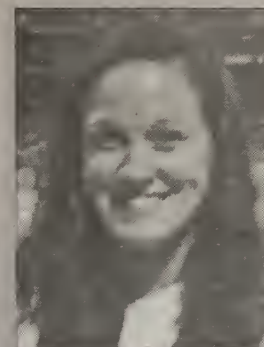
In Budapest, I was looking for a hostel and I was sent a little miracle in the form of a Westfield student. His name was Tim and he was with friends that he goes to school with in Dublin.

The odds were unbelievable to me that I am studying in Poland and he is studying in Dublin and we run into each other in Budapest.

Tim and his friends were doing a short Euro trip during their break so instead of going to the hostel I crashed on the floor of their hotel.

That night we went to a

Editor's Desk



Hey!

Wow, it's been a while since I've written an Editor's Desk, huh? That's alright... I haven't had anything really meaningful to say anyway.

I hope everyone had a nice Easter/Passover/whatever you celebrate :) Mine was nice, I was just home with my family. I ate a lot of cake...

So we're getting down to the last stretch. Finals are coming up, our last paper is NEXT WEEK :(, end of the year festivities, and lastly moving out for summer vacation! I don't about you all, but I cannot wait for summer!

Alrighty, that's all folks! We'll have a nice goodbye for the summer Editor's Desk next week!

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bar and met a very nice woman named Agnus, the bartender, who was around 50 years old.

A man at the bar spoke some English so he translated for us and I told her that I was Hungarian. She was very sweet and loved when I spoke a few Hungarian words to her.

The next day we toured around Budapest with Janos, a young man around my age whom I met on the train to Budapest from Miskolc.

Janos showed us all around and was very knowledgeable. He showed us the American embassy, the Hungarian Parliament,

many churches, the Hungarian National Gallery, and the Chain Bridge.

We ate authentic Hungarian dinner that night at a small little place. I had Retes, a popular Hungarian pastry, and the popular local beer before we ate.

One night I climbed a hill to see a statue that provided an amazing view of Budapest.

So far, living in Poland has been a great experience.

Best,
Rob McGinnity
Business Major
Senior

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahy

Kirsten Dunst – Born Apr 30, 1982



Dunst was born in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, the older of two children. Until she was six years old, she attended school in New Jersey. Her first job was at the age of

three as a child fashion model in television commercials. Then Dunst, her mother, and younger brother all moved to Los Angeles following her parents' divorce. There she attended Notre Dame, a private Catholic high school. Since she began her acting career at the age of eight years old with Woody Allen's short film Oedipus Wrecks, she had difficulty in dealing with her rising fame. For a while, she blamed her mother for "pushing her into acting as a child." However, she later re-

canted and said that her mother had only the best intentions. Her breakthrough role came in Interview with the Vampire in which she starred with Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt and won numerous awards. Throughout her childhood, she went on to star in movies like Little Women, Jumanji, Tower of Terror, among others. She even lent her voice to movies like Anastasia and The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. One of her most famous roles to date is as Mary Jane Watson in the Spiderman movies.

Adolf Hitler – Died Apr 30, 1945



Hitler was born in Austria-Hungary, the fourth of six children. As a child, he was loved the game "Cowboys and Indians" and became fixated on war after reading picture books on the

Franco-Prussian war that he found in his father's office. At the age of eight, Hitler sang in the church choir and gave serious thought to one day becoming a priest. When his younger brother died, Hitler grew more withdrawn and more prone to fighting with his teachers, peers, and his father, who frequently beat him. This caused Hitler to grow more acidic and rebellious. He was asked to leave school because of his extremely disruptive behavior. This was all before the age of 15. When he was 21, he be-

came a struggling painter in Vienna, Italy, but he soon ran out of money and had to live in a homeless shelter. It was in Vienna where Hitler found his hatred for the Jewish people. After many years, he rose to power in Germany. Hitler did many things in his lifetime, including writing his autobiography Mein Kampf, meaning "My Struggle." His health has long been debated, but it is a fact that on April 30, 1945 when faced with defeat, Hitler committed suicide by shooting himself with his own pistol.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Book review: The Runaway Jury

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

John Grisham has written a large amount of legal thrillers.

Most of them that I have read are good, but one that has stood out is "The Runaway Jury."

In this thriller, a group of jurors must decide a large tort case either for or against tobacco companies, with great consequences.

While the idea of a tort case may not sound all that exciting, Grisham easily convinces the reader otherwise, and the plot moves forward in ways expected yet thrilling nonetheless.

This book has plenty of interesting subplots to keep things moving forward, all of them tying into

the main story by the end.

There are forces working for both the plaintiff and defense, and some of the

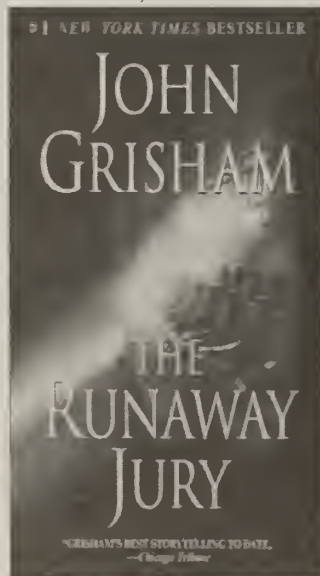


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actions taken do not conform to standard courtroom

procedure, keeping the tension high throughout the novel.

Some of the characters in this novel are not as complex as one might hope.

However, Grisham prevents any real detriment to the story by creating most of the characters so that they are surrounded in an air of mystery, hiding their real thoughts and motives.

The writing style is effective and overall, "The Runaway Jury" is a great book.

For those who are already fans of John Grisham or are looking for something complex but not too overwhelming to read, this one is a great choice.

9 out of 10.

SUMMER SESSIONS AT WSU

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Summer II: July 5 – August 15

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Top 10 Singles

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2. Katy Perry ft. Kanye West - E.T.
3. The Black Eyed Peas - Just Can't Get Enough
4. Jeremih ft. 50 Cent - Down On Me
5. Cee Lo Green - Forget You
6. Adele - Rolling In The Deep
7. Chris Brown - Look At Me Now
8. Jennifer Lopez ft. Pitbull - On The Floor
9. Britney Spears - Till The World Ends
10. Lady Gaga - Judas

Top Movies

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3. Hop
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4. Paul Simon - So Beautiful or So What
5. Mana - Drama y Luz
6. Britney Spears - Femme Fatale
7. Wiz Khalifa - Rolling Papers
8. Chris Brown - F.A.M.E
9. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More

Newport Folk Festival continues its tradition of summer fun by the seaside

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

The Newport Folk Festival, held in Newport RI, was started in 1959 as a counterpart to the Newport Jazz Festival. The festival centers around performances by both new and old folk, folk rock, blues, country, and bluegrass musicians. It is also the site of the famous 1965 performance where Bob Dylan first played with a band featuring electric guitars and got nearly booed offstage for it.

The festival continues its groundbreaking history by bringing a variety of different bands together for a couple of days of unique and memorable

concerts. This year, the festival is being held at the beautiful Fort Adams State Park on July 30-31. In addition to music, the festival will also include food, crafts, and a wide variety of displays. There is no camping onsite, but camping areas are near the festival grounds.

Many excellent bands are playing at the festival this year. The headliners of the festival are The Decemberists on July 30 and Emmylou Harris on the 31st. The unique and amazing lineup includes Gogol Bordello, Elvis Costello, Delta Spirit, Amos Lee, Tegan and Sara, The Felice Brothers, Pokey LaFarge, Justin Townes Earle, Middle Brother, and many more. Special surprise guests are yet to be announced.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online. One day passes for adults are \$69 (plus fees) in advance and

\$77 on festival weekend if they are still available. For more information, go to <http://www.newportfolkfest.net/>



Photo by blogcdn.com

The Decemberists, Emmylou Harris, and Wanda Jackson are just some of the expected performers at the 2011 Newport Folk Festival.

Concert Review: New tracks showcased by Yellowbirds and Marco Benevento

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

On April 7, I attended a small, intimate concert at the Arts Block Café in Greenfield.

I was lucky enough to see two of my favorite recently discovered artists play new tracks from their latest albums.

I heard Sam Cohen play cuts from his solo debut "The Color" under the moniker Yellowbirds.

I also got to hear Marco Benevento, an experimental jazz/rock pianist, play songs from his latest album "Between the Needles and Nightfall," which was released in 2010.

Sam Cohen came

onstage at about 9 o'clock. His backing band wasn't with him, and he confided to the audience that it was his first truly solo show.

He used his iPod to play backing tracks for him to sing and play guitar over, so it was like getting the full band experience. He whipped out an unexpected 80s remix of "The Reason" as his opener.

Throughout the night, Sam alternated between electric and acoustic guitars and lap steel.

For a few numbers, Marco joined him and played piano, as did Sam during Marco's set. Sam's whole set was marvelous, but my favorite moments were the acoustic

"Rings In The Trees" and "The Color," "The Honest Ocean" with Benevento, and the high-energy "The Rest of My Life."

It was a great set filled with great songs.

Just when I thought the night couldn't get any better, it did.

It was now time for Marco's set. He opened with "Greenpoint," an atmospheric number filled with nifty piano effects.

One of the highlights of the evening came soon after when Marco announced that he would be playing a real party song and I knew immediately what he was going to play.

Marco launched his band into a raucous "The Real

Morning Party," a rowdy, feel-good electronic number filled with funky synthesizer and piano effects.

His band stretched out this tune for over 12 minutes and had a lot of fun.

Towards the end of his set, Marco also played "RISD," an experimental number that features some great drumming.

It was one of the best concerts I had been to in awhile. The combination of small venue size, great tunes, and kind musicians made the night something I will never forget.

If you have a chance to see either Yellowbirds, Marco Benevento, or both, I suggest you do so. You will not be disappointed.

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WASP: A smash hit with new director Rachael Balcanoff

Samuel Ziegler
Voice Reporter

Rachael Balcanoff is a theatre major and a Student Theatre Association member who takes part in the directing and performing of plays by students and for students, though one does not have to be a student to enjoy their performances.

Rachael is a senior and has appeared in such plays as 'The Beggar's Opera,' and 'The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby.' This was her first time directing what happened on stage rather than being in it.

Q: This semester you directed "WASP" by Steve Martin; how did this come about?

A: In order to direct a show through STA (Student Theatre Association), you must require

a list of fulfillments from their given Director's Application. The process includes picking three plays you would be interested in directing, analyzing them, what your vision of them would entail, which is your top preference, etc etc etc. There is also a 'mock directing' process so they can view how well you work with others, and an interview with the board.

Q: Did you choose this play? If so why?

A: WASP was my first choice. I am obsessed with Steve Martin's life - in a healthy way; he is an exceptionally eclectic man.

Everything he does he does well...and he does everything! [Martin is a] banjo/bluegrass musician, novelist, playwright, actor, stand-up comic...[but] I enjoy his writing most.

I think all of his plays express important messages that reach out universally and speak loudly about the kind of societal pressures we face in our lives today.

Q: When did the production go onstage?

A: February 24th-26th.

Q: How do you feel about this directing experience?

A: It was a wonderful learning experience and I consider myself very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with such a beautiful, motivated cast.

Q: Would you say your experience as an actress has helped you prepare to direct? If yes then how so?

A: Yes. You have to be willing

to be completely vulnerable and make mistakes in order to perfect any piece of art. Acting teaches you to do that.

Learning things first from the perspective of the actor also helps you to understand the medium as a whole.

It's fun to be able to create an individual world for every character (as opposed to just yours) and then incorporate it into the universe of the play that you create and that those actors help you create.

Q: Other than the obvious of being behind the scenes and not acting, is there anything else that's majorly different with directing than acting? More or less stressful? More or less time consuming?

A: (Laughter) A lot more work...well...maybe not a lot, just a different type of work.

You have to work around all of your actors' schedules, you have to be willing to share the space you work in with other directors...it pretty much involves a lot more in the sense of organizational skills.

As a director, you are also responsible for everything that gets put on the stage.

You say 'Yes' to everything and then it all becomes your responsibility, so you have an incredible duty to everyone involved and the artwork to give your hardest performance each day and be extremely willing to try new things/create changes/be adaptable, etc. etc.

That's not to say acting isn't hard work, it's extremely difficult work...but like anything, if you want to do a great job you have to work your absolute hardest and keep a positive attitude always.

The Rotary Club of Westfield presents Fireworks for Freedom

Article is a press release
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The Rotary Club of Westfield has announced plans for this year's fireworks festivities, including the launch of this year's fundraising campaign—*Fireworks for Freedom*.

This marks the first-year the Rotary Club of Westfield has assumed responsibility for managing the fireworks festivities, scheduled for Saturday, July 2, at dusk, at Stanley Park in Westfield, Mass. Previously, such events had been managed by the Westfield Kiwanis Foundation.

The rain date for the fireworks display is Sunday, July 3 at dusk.

"The Rotary Club of Westfield is very excited to continue the tradition of bringing fireworks to the families of Westfield," said Mark Boardman, Rotary President-Elect and *Fireworks For Freedom* Event Chair.

In addition to a pyrotechnic display produced by Atlas PyroVision of Jaffrey, N.H., the evening's celebrations will include entertainment provided by Cory and the Knightsmen, as well as a few other surprises.

This year's theme—*Fireworks for Freedom*—was chosen to honor the spirit of the occasion according to Boardman, "We are living in one of history's truly special times with certain rights, responsibilities, and yes — freedoms."

Boardman continued, "When the Rotary Club decided to assume responsibility for managing this event, we were convinced it was the right thing to do — it fits with our mission and our four way test: 'Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?'"

"The answer to each of these is a resounding, 'Yes,'" he said.

Boardman reminds people that the fireworks and

accompanying entertainment are arranged for by volunteers and paid for with privately raised donations.

He emphasized that donations from residents of greater Westfield, as well as businesses and organizations, are greatly appreciated.

All monies donated go directly to staging the fireworks display and celebration; and, a portion of the proceeds collected on July 2 are used as seed monies for next year's event.

Donations to the *Fireworks for Freedom* campaign made by mail (with checks made payable to *Rotary of Greater Westfield*) sent to: Rotary of Greater Westfield, PO Box 1735, Westfield, MA 01086-1735.

Or, watch for *Fireworks for Freedom* campaign advertisements in local papers and return the accompanying form to the address provided.

For more information about the *Fireworks for Freedom* campaign, contact Mark Boardman, Event Chair



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Westfield's Fireworks for Freedom will be held on July 2, 2011 at Stanley Park

at Mark.boardman@comcast.net; or by calling 413-357-9900 or 413-427-7404.

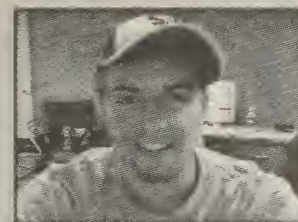
For more information about Rotary of Greater

Westfield, or about other Rotary events, contact Rick Buzzee, President at Buzzee_rick@holyokeyhealth.com, or by calling 413-534-2824.

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



The Celtics sure know how to turn the switch on.

After playing mediocre and frustrating basketball for the last two months of the season, Boston showed that their veteran laden team knows how to step up their game when it's playoff time.

The offense that has struggled to score points for months averaged over 99 points per game in the C's four game sweep of the Knicks while the defense continued their stellar play by never allowing more than 96 points in the series.

Sure, the injuries to Chauncey Billups and Amare Stoudemire made this series easier for the Celtics.

But even if those two players were fully healthy, this series only would have been a game or two longer.

There was no way this Celtics team wasn't going to be playing a second round series with the Heat. Boston is playing like they have something to prove.

Rajon Rondo looked like the pre-All-Star break Rondo and despite a few careless turnovers led the Celtics' offense brilliantly in the series.

Paul Pierce and Ray Allen seemed to find their shooting stroke while Kevin Garnett was aggressive and efficient on both ends of the floor.

Jermaine O'Neal, who I expected absolutely nothing from a few months ago, stepped up and anchored Boston's interior defense.

It was great to see O'Neal show flashes of his All-Star Pacer days while also showing the ability to knock down mid-range jump shots.

The most impressive

stat from the Celtics sweep: the C's had a different leading scorer in all four games. If that's not balance on offense, then I don't know what is.

The Celtics are playing with confidence and Shaq coming back for the Heat series would only add to that feeling.

Even if the "Big Shamrock" can only play 16 minutes a game, he'll provide strong interior defense and drop in a few dunks that could be the difference maker in what should be close games.

The C's aren't worried about playing in Miami. Boston went 3-1 against the Heat in the regular season and put very little effort into the last of those four games, Boston's only loss to Miami.

In what should be a very tight series, I'll take Doc Rivers and the Celtics' experience over the Eric Spoelstra and a three-man team any day.

The eighth seeded Memphis Grizzlies have been the biggest shock of the NBA playoffs thus far.

As I write this column (April 27) the Grizzlies are currently up 3-1 on the San Antonio Spurs and look prime to pull off the biggest first round upset since Golden State beat the Dallas Mavericks in 2007.

San Antonio's shallow frontcourt has no answers for Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol.

Mike Conley is showing why Memphis signed him to a big contract and the rest of the Grizzlies are getting it done on both ends of the floor.

The Spurs could still win three in a row, but they just don't look like a championship team anymore.

Age has finally caught

up with San Antonio and it doesn't look like they have enough left in the tank to win games five, six and seven.

Game six in Memphis would be especially difficult. I may be wrong, but it's looking like a strong possibility that it'll be the Grizzlies and Thunder facing off next round.

While the Lakers should beat the Hornets to reach yet another second round, Chris Paul has reminded fans that while Derrick Rose may be getting all the attention, he is still one of the top three point guards in the NBA.

Paul willed the Hornets to wins in games one and four and will have to do it again in game six if New Orleans wants to play a game seven in Los Angeles.

Speaking of Derrick Rose, the Bulls outside of Rose did nothing to impress me in their first round series with the Pacers.

I give a lot of credit to Indiana for staying competitive

and playing tough throughout the entire series.

Larry Bird's team has a bright future with a lot of young players. But if I was a Bulls fan, I'd be a little nervous after seeing my team struggle to beat a team that finished the season eight games under .500.

The Celtics have clearly looked like the most dominant team in the East so far.

For the sake of the health of half the students on this campus, I really hope that the Bruins get it done tonight and pull out their seven games series with Montreal (facing the Canadians in game seven tonight).

By the time you're reading this on Friday, I'm hopeful that the Bruins are sitting in the second round and you have not suffered any heart related injuries for a second straight season.

Game five on Saturday was one of the most exciting hockey games I've ever

watched. I know I don't talk hockey a lot because I never played the sport and wasn't that into it growing up.

While I've been a supporter of the Celtics, Patriots and Red Sox through the tough times (remember when Raef LaFrentz, Mark Blount, Jiri Welsch and Ricky Davis started for the Celtics – yikes!), I'll admit that I'm a fair-weather Bruins fans.

But I have a lot of friends that are Black and Gold diehards and watching them play is a lot of fun so I'd love to see them make a strong run through the playoffs.

Well I'm out of room boys and girls but as always, thanks for reading. Next week will be the last edition of the Sports Nest for the year so send me your questions and comments (both good and bad) to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com

Have a great weekend and enjoy this beautiful weather!

Upcoming WSU Home Games

Saturday, April 30

Softball vs. Fitchburg State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.

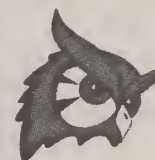
Baseball vs. Fitchburg State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.

Men's Rugby vs. Lassell @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 1

Baseball vs. Curry College @ 1:00 p.m.

Support your Owls!



Surprising start to Major League Baseball season

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

The start of the Major League Baseball season had a tough act to follow coming after the NCAA basketball tournament.

So far, the 2011 MLB season hasn't skipped a beat as there have been many surprising starts by some teams, and other disappointing April's for teams expected to tally up 100 wins.

One team that has gotten off to a slow start is the Boston Red Sox and that has most likely caused the stress of 95% of the Westfield campus.

After making "Yankee-like" offseason moves, Red Sox nation and many analysts had high hopes for this team entering the season.

Failing to make the postseason a season ago pushed the Red Sox into going out and getting two highly profiled

players in Adrian Gonzalez and Carl Crawford.

Boston started off this season with a dreadful record of 2-12, showing the inability to score runs with players in scoring position.

Another problem the Sox were having was that they weren't getting quality starts out of the starting rotation.

Since the Blue Jays series where they took two out of three, the Sox are already back to form storming back up the standings in the AL East.

Divisions such as the AL Central have a number of shocking story lines from top to bottom.

Looking at last year's standings, it is almost as if the division flipped over once as the Cleveland Indians lead with a record of 13-8 to date (as of April 26).

Former Red Sox pitcher Justin Masterson has been locked in, starting off with a record of 4-0 going deep

into games while retaining his command throughout.

It also doesn't hurt that the Tribe's staff has only

The Kansas City Royals haven't done anything spectacular this season to earn a record of 12-10 but just got out

by two or less runs.

The Chicago White Sox have hit a rough patch, winning only two of their last thirteen games.

The AL Central champs of a season ago have started off on the rocky side, going on a four game losing streak that puts them in fourth place.

Josh Johnson and the rest of the Florida Marlins' pitching rotation have gotten their team off to a red hot start going 14-7. Johnson's 1.06 ERA gives the Marlins a legitimate shot at competing with the Phillies and Braves in the NL East.

When you look at the season as a whole, many teams who have struggled could very well earn the number one overall seed in the playoffs.

To this point, we are just 12% of the way done with the season. Teams shouldn't be panicking just yet. In all, this 2011 season is shaping up to have an interesting finish.



photo by boston.com

Former Red Sox pitcher Justin Masterson has been an ace on the mound for Cleveland so far this season.

allowed 80 runs to this point, which is second in the MLB.

and win games. Over half of the Royals wins have been decided

Opinion: What happened to a once great franchise?

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

People getting divorced is something that occurs all the time, and most of the time it really isn't a big deal unless you are a major celebrity.

But when a divorce utterly destroys a once great sports franchise, and is taken over by Major League Baseball, then it is a big deal.

Frank and Jamie McCourt, owners of the club, recently got divorced and are now in a long drawn out court battle to decide who has ownership of the team.

Recently, Bud Selig and Major League Baseball

have taken control of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

To put into perspective how big of a deal this is, think about the history of the L.A. Dodgers.

This is the same team that broke the color barrier and had Jackie Robinson, moved baseball to the west after the team left Brooklyn, and had baseball greats Tommy Lasorda, Orel Hershiser and Sandy Koufax.

Now this once great organization seems more like a reality show.

The Dodgers that most people remember are not what they used to be. Now this is an organization where disgraceful fans beat up an opposing fan into a coma – the fan still remains in

a coma.

During the time of the incident, the Dodgers were without a full time head of security.

You have the owners of the team, Frank and Jamie McCourt, taking out \$108 million from the Dodgers for their own personal use instead of using that money to help improve the team.

In fact, Frank McCourt recently had to borrow \$30 million dollars from FOX in order to meet the team's payroll.

That is right; the owner of the team had to borrow money to pay the players and staff because most of the money is going to his divorce case.

The team is in shambles

and most people believe that Bud Selig (the commissioner of Major League Baseball) will force McCourt to sell the team.

But of course, even this cannot be done quietly. That is because McCourt has said that he will sue the MLB for taking over the franchise.

And to think this all occurred because of a divorce. Nonetheless, when this matter finally is settled, the Dodgers

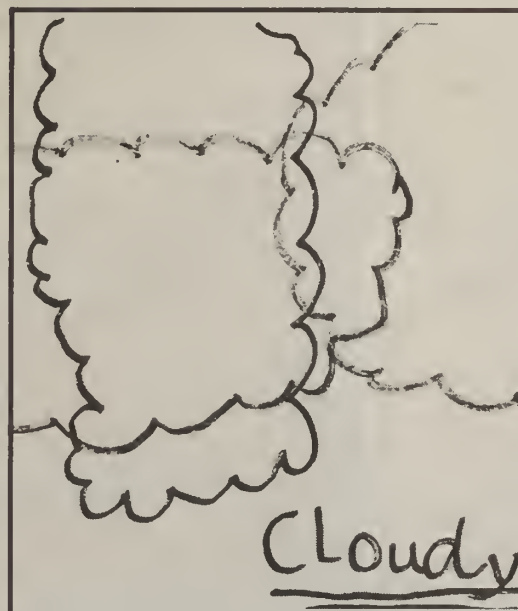
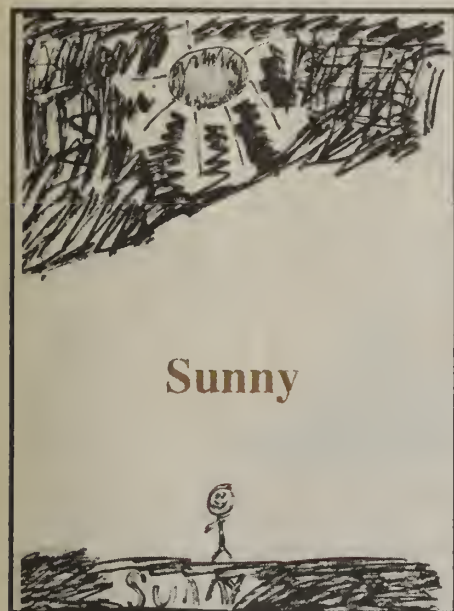
will still have this dark cloud hovering over their franchise for years to come.

That is the real shame of this matter, because an organization that was once so highly regarded in the past will now have this travesty on people's mind in the future.

All this while McCourt will return to one of his numerous homes and continue to fight in court with his ex wife.

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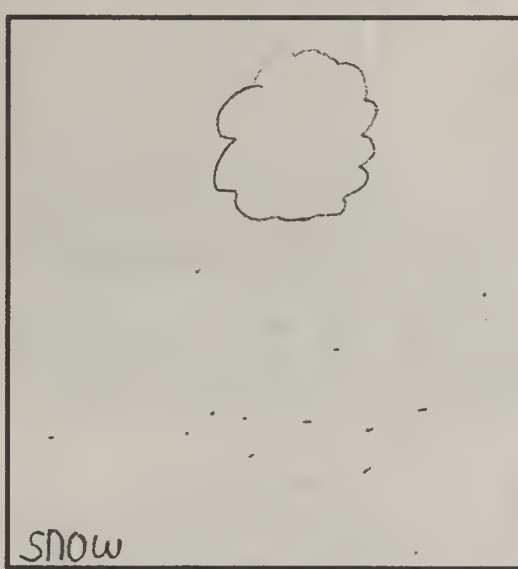
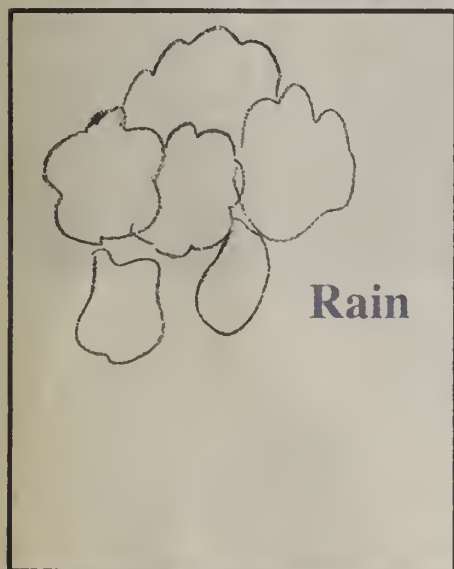
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"School lunch needs to teaste better. It teastes gross." – Miles

"Can't wait for field day at Juniper Park School." – William B.

"Mrs. Sawyer's 4th grade class is going on a wilderness explorar field trip nex Thurseday." – Addie Cuok

"Can't wait for my field trip to symphony hall." – CJ Czarnecki



Learn Polish with Robert McGinnity

1. Dzień dobry (pronounced Jane dobray)-Hello, people say this in regards to "hello" instead of "hey" or "hi" which is cześć (Chesht).

2. Do widzenia- (pronounced Doe vay zen ya)-Good bye, people say this like "good bye" instead of "bye" which is also cześć (Chesht).

3. Piwo (pronounced Pee Voe)-Beer, I hear this word at the Pub I go to eat at everyday.

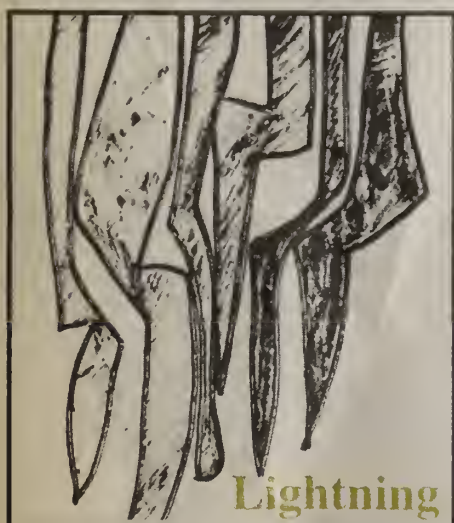
4. Jeden, dwóch, trzy (pronounced Yeden, Dvah, Cheh)-One, Two, Three. It is always handy to know one, two and three in another language. I have just learned to count to ten.

5. Do zobaczenia (pronounced like Doe zoe bach chen ya)-See you later, I say this when I want to switch up saying good bye or if I know that I will be seeing the person the next day.

6. Dobranoc (pronounced Doe bran utz)-Good night, I say this at nighttime instead of goodbye or see you later.

7. Dziękuję (pronounced Jen quee ah)-Thank you, you can always say "dzięki" (jenky) which means "Thanks."

8. Bardzo dobre (pronounced bard zoe dobray)-Very good, I use this a lot to describe things such as food. If I don't like something, I say "Nie dobre" (pronounced Nia dobray) which means "no good."



Preparing your room for Check-out:

1. Return all furniture to its original location
2. Make sure computer hub and cables, room telephone, and recycle bin are visible
3. Remove stickers, tape, and adhesives
4. Make sure screens and shades are on the windows
4. Unplug and thoroughly clean your Polarwave unit
5. Remove all personal belongings
6. Clean room thoroughly
7. Wash all writings, marks, and dirt off the walls, doors, windows, furniture, etc.

Remember these tips and you won't be charged any extra money upon checking out!

Cinco de Mayo Party at Tommy D's

Thursday, May 5!



Drinks:

Cuervo and Corona: \$6.75
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Amaretto Sour: \$3.50
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S.A.G.E.: Students Advocating for Gender Equality

Megan Bishop
Voice Reporter

Recently, a group of students came together to look for ways to change how the world looks at gender and try to make things equal for everyone.

This group is S.A.G.E., a group that used to be a part of WSU's campus, but for some reason stopped gathering until Christine Carbary, President, started setting up meetings again.

The purpose of the group was to educate others about what has been happening in the world on and off campus and to try to instill change.

This means policies and rules and societal norms that may seem to be a little sexist.

"I would never really be able to 'see' the biggest change I want to happen on

campus because I want to get people thinking, I want to open their minds, and to help them break free of the societal conditioning that has told them what to do and how to act based on gender alone.

"Creating a significant change in how people view gender is not easy, but I believe that even if SAGE affects just

a handful of people it'll be worth it," Carbary said.

Along with trying to get students to join the group, S.A.G.E. has been planning events. They held a bake sale this past week to campaign for people to make the promise not to rape.

They are very excited about the upcoming Slut

Walk in Boston on Saturday, May 7th.

It's a protest to say that girls should be able to dress the way they want without having to worry about being sexually harassed or assaulted.

S.A.G.E. is always looking for students to join the group so join if you agree with the cause.



Photo by Nic Rexford

Lammers, Courtney and Scanlon's Tri-Hall Bonanza was a huge hit last April 27.

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Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Prema Vidya: New Yoga studio opened in Westfield, MA.

Alex Myers
Editor-In-Chief

Yoga is a good stress reliever for many people and Joe Davis certainly recognizes this. Davis is the owner of Prema Vidya, a fairly new yoga studio that opened August 1, 2009.

What was once located in the upstairs of the Creative Corner building on the corner of School Street and Elm Street, it has now moved to a larger location at 3 Cross Street.

Prema Vidya is open Monday through Friday with classes running from morning to evening.

"We have specialized workshops on the weekends," Davis said. "We also offer private instruction on Saturdays." Prema Vidya is open to people of all ages and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The drop-in cost is \$10.00 and the monthly-unlimited class plan is \$50.00. One-on-one sessions are \$40.00 an hour.

Davis said that the studio offers classes that are fit for the specific season and tend to the needs of the students based on the principles of Ayurveda. Ayurveda is an ancient system of natural medicine native to India.



Photo by Nic Rexford

Owner Joe Davis teaches a class at his yoga studio Prema Vidya.

"Yoga as a physical practice has its roots in Ayurvedic techniques to cleanse and strengthen the body and mind," he said. Classes include various breathing techniques, meditations, and asana, the physical postures.

Davis said, "We also offer Ayurvedic lifestyle consultations. We assess your unique body type and needs from an Ayurvedic perspective; we then offer diet, lifestyle and exercise advice to help you reach your wellness goals."

In order to prepare for the classes, Davis said, there is a yearly teacher-training program

that begins in September and ends in June.

It is a 200-hour certification course that combines Yoga and Ayurveda so that the teacher is ready and able to deal with the assortment of people they will be teaching. In order to determine the students' Ayurvedic constitution, the teachers must learn the art of pulse diagnosis.

They also learn, Davis said, "how to use yoga postures, breathing, meditation, [and] diet and lifestyle advice to help their student find health and balance."

"I love being able to

teach yoga all say to such a wide variety of people," Davis said.

He said that yoga and Ayurveda both work for people that are willing to put the effort into them. "It is wonderful to see people heal and grow," Davis said.

He continued, "Yoga and Ayurveda help us get more in touch with our natural selves. Mother Nature provides all of the healing and energy necessary to achieve your goals."

Davis said that he would love to see Prema Vidya "grow into a full-scale yoga community with intensive over

night, week long, and month long programs."

There are plans for the studio to add Gardening programs, cooking classes, Qi-gong and Thai chi, he said.

"We are at an exciting time," Davis said, "because we are still growing into our new place and so we [have] lots of potential for expansion."

"One thing I have learned to far is that Prema Vidya has constantly exceeded my dreams and expectations over and over," he said.

The studio's goal is to provide unique classes in Yoga and Ayurveda for modern-day America, while also staying true to the "traditional values and wisdom that these arts emerged from."

Davis said that Yoga and Ayurveda aren't meant to cure or treat any disease or acute condition so consulting with a physician first, before following any of the procedures put in place by the studio, would be best.

"The environment here is relaxed and fun, we even have a yogi doggie that lives here named Shanti. We look forward to meeting you," Davis said.

For more information on the studio, visit the Prema Vidya website at Premavidya.com.

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Legislators increase campaign donor's pension

Tim Callery
Voice Reporter

Westfield State University's two state legislators have proposed a bill to increase one of their campaign donor's public pensions by 30%.

Representative Donald Humason and Senator Michael Knapik filed Bill H01614 this past January in favor of Gary Tirrell of Westfield.

An online version of the bill asks the Massachusetts Legislature for special permission for Tirrell to receive compensation through the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Association for his service on the Westfield Parks and Recreation Commission.

This bill comes on the heels of the governor's recent pension reform that started back in June of 2009. These ongoing reforms are designed to close loopholes that allow pensions to be inflated.

The National Institute on Money in State Politics' website, followthemoney.org, shows Tirrell has been a donor to both the Humason and Knapik campaigns since 2005, totaling \$750. However, there is no link between the donations and the bill, according to Rep. Humason and Tirrell.

City of Westfield Personnel Director Richard Merchant said service time for members on the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) is not recognized through the Massachusetts Retirement System.

In order to gain a

pension for their time on the board, they must qualify through service with a regular or elected position.

In a telephone interview, Tirrell explained he was elected to the PRC back in the 1970s and served eight years. He was only allowed to buy back time for two of those years, when he served as chairman.

The other six could not be compensated unless he went through another municipal position.

Tirrell said he has worked in both private and public school systems throughout the Western Massachusetts area.

He is currently the Assistant Principle at Dean Technical High School in Holyoke where he is presently out on medical leave.

According to Tirrell, this bill is very important to his retirement. At age 58, if he were to retire now he would only receive about 49% of pay in his pension. He said one more year would give him 73% and in another two years he will be able to get the 80% maximum.

However, if the bill passes, access to the 80% would come a lot sooner and Tirrell would not have to wait for the extra two years to retire.

Followthemoney.org lists his contributions to the campaigns over the years of 2005 and 2009, with the majority of donations appearing in 2009. Of the \$750 donated, \$600 went to Knapik while \$150 was given to Humason.

In June of 2009, Governor Patrick began his

ongoing pension reform, closing the loopholes and reducing costs to the state's retirement system.

A press release by the governor shows that the reform targets areas that have allowed some to exploit the system and unfairly boost their public pensions.

One of the key parts is the elimination of individuals receiving pension benefits to return to work and receive a full salary in addition to pension benefits if the individuals are classified as "consultant" or "independent contractor."

This is not the first time the bill has been proposed in Tirrell's favor.

Bills from 2007 and 2009 show that this matter was brought forth to the Legislature, but was turned down.

Humason explained that it is not unusual to see a bill such as this one brought in front of the Legislature. But it is the first time he has brought up this kind of bill.

"To become a teacher at a Vocational School, you have to have worked in that specific trade. A law was passed a couple of years ago allowing teachers to buy back time for past work," Humason said.

He does admit that national attention on the governor's reform is making it harder to pass this bill for Tirrell.

When asked about the reform, Sen. Knapik stated in an email, "I do support the governor's continued efforts at pension reform and expect the Legislature to develop its own initiatives later this session."

Student Spotlight

Name: Laura Coutinho
Hometown: Andover, MA
Major: Psychology

What do you see yourself doing career and/or life-wise after WSU?
Family therapy.

Favorite song on your iPod or on the radio right now?
Bright Side Of Life - Monty Python

If you had the chance to invite any three people over for dinner who would they be?
J.R.R. Tolkein, Jesus Christ, and Jim Carey.

Favorite thing to do at WSU when not in class?
Hang out online.

What is the most memorable moment or meaningful encounter you have had during your time at WSU and why?
I met all the best friends I've ever had here. I never had friends growing up. Now I have so many I can't remember their names.

Lucky Number?
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Advice from a Graduating Senior

Kristin Sherwood
Copy Editor

I thought I would share a few words of advice that I've learned each year from professors, friends, and from experience. To the next few classes of Westfield State:

Upcoming Sophomores: Schoolwork will get harder so make extra time for homework but don't forget about your friends.

Get enough sleep! Don't start homework at 12am and think that five hours of sleep or less will be sufficient - it won't.

Make new friends and try not to get tangled in drama if it doesn't involve you. Meet new people and don't worry if the old group changes - some of your best friends you may not meet until the later college years. Be yourself and accept others without conditions.

Respect your professors, too - they have degrees for a reason. Join any campus club or organization and get involved! Even if you don't fit in at first, you can make a huge difference within a club. And try not blame everything on the new freshman.

Upcoming Juniors: Find ways to de-stress as the work gets harder and you start to think about the future. Talk to friends,

talk to professors, or reach out to campus resources.

Remember that you have a responsibility to yourself and to others to be honest and have integrity.

Have as much fun as you can while you learn as much as you can, not just in class but also from other people. Hang around with people who encourage and care about you and subtract those who don't.

Don't believe everything you hear or see, and challenge what doesn't make sense.

Don't be afraid to be different, strange, unique, or just weird. This is your third year in college so do you really still care about what other people think? Always be someone you would want to be friends with and listen to others even when you don't want to.

Upcoming Seniors: The year will fly by so cherish the time you have left. Spend time with friends and make both schoolwork and friends priorities.

Do NOT wait until the end of second semester to think about post-graduation plans. DO wait until the end of second semester to cry about post-graduation plans.

If you apply and get accepted to grad school, celebrate but don't brag. If you don't apply or get accepted to or

don't have the money for grad school, don't lose hope. There are always internships and volunteer work, connections and jobs.

Talk to friends, professors, staff, and anyone else when you make future plans. Don't forget to consult yourself, too. Don't wish your life away or rush to get somewhere in life. Plans always change and you never know what you will do or who you will meet in the next year. That's the exciting part!

To all classes: Your experience at Westfield State is what you make it. Get involved and find a place here for yourself. Make Westfield your home and embrace the support and sense of community that this school has. If you see injustice, stand up against it, and don't accept something just because an authority figure said it.

As one peace activist said, don't just answer the questions, question the answers. Try to voice your concerns and works towards changing what you don't like about Westfield State to make it a better community for you and for others after you.

Choose your attitude and never give up hope on yourself or others. And most of all, have fun and enjoy your time here - college is truly one of the best times of life!

Editor's Desk



SUMMERSUMMERSUMMERSUMMER!

It's so close, people! Only one more week (hopefully no one has to stay until Monday the 16th). Then I'll be working - building tons of bears and making little kids happy!

I just want to take this time to thank everyone who has helped us and contributed this year. I think this year has been one of the Voice's best years ever! We've come really far. Looking at the papers from the beginning of this year to now - they're so different, it's crazy! I especially want to thank Professor Brewster for putting up with us in Paris and Kristin Sherwood for putting up with us all year!! You've been a great friend and we'll miss you so much!!

If you were too swamped this year to work with us, there's always next year! Email us, we'd be happy to have you on our staff!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, EVERYONE!

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Campus-wide movie screening: "A Day in the Life of a Respectable Duty"

Zachary W. Graves
Voice Reporter

With the economy in tough shape, a job is the only way to put food on the table and provide shelter for a family.

A soon to be released, student-made documentary, captures the untold stories of maintainers and landscapers on the campus of Westfield State University.

The film was produced

and directed by Nicholas Rexford, Pat Johnson and Zachary Graves. The men and women of the maintenance staff and landscape crew are the ones who keep these facilities spotless.

In the early morning, you can find the birds chirping on 256 acres of freshly cut campus grass by the Universities landscape crew.

It's home to over 4,500 students, most of whom can be found sound asleep in the dorms

while these men and women work hard to get the campus ready for them to awake.

Scott Demoe can be found riding in by way of bicycle at 4:00 am into the parking lot of the Horace Mann Center while Lisa Carlson is starting her day in Ely Library.

Scott and Lisa have completed there to do list before most faculty and students even begin their day. As a maintainer, responsibilities consist of cleaning bathrooms

and hallways, and opening classrooms, and offices - including President Dobelle's.

By the time the 8:15 classes have started, the halls of fourth floor Courtney Hall can be found spotless as a sheet of paper that falls out of the backpack of student rushing to get to class on time.

Little do students know that at this time, maintainer Javier Jimenez, is on his second bathroom and had already buffed and cleaned the hallways.

Where would institutions across the world be without these people?

The film was made to bring light to all the behind the scene jobs performed to make our campus a clean safe environment to receive an education in.

You are invited for a campus-wide screening with the makers themselves. It will play in Dever Auditorium at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. Admission is free.

Osama Bin Laden: A decade long search is over

Brady Kerr
Voice Reporter

On May 1st, 2011 Osama Bin Laden was killed by United States Special Forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

President Obama went on national television at 10:30 that Sunday evening to say that, "Justice has been done."

Instantly Americans were out in force across the nation singing patriotic songs in the streets and weeping with joy.

Osama Bin Laden, the most wanted man in the world, had been defeated.

The United States had been pursuing him since the attacks on September 11th, 2001.

It has been almost a decade long search with very little success.

Americans chased him into the mountains of Afghanistan where he dug in and survived intensive bombing.

It seemed like Osama Bin Laden would escape the mighty hands of justice.

A couple of years ago the U.S. intercepted a courier that had ties with the notorious terrorist.

It is believed that this courier is the man who gave the U.S. a general idea where Osama Bin Laden was hiding.

Pakistan has been where the U.S. has been looking for him for two years.

All the while the Pakistani government put up road blocks and claimed that Bin Laden was nowhere within their borders.

The world now knows that Pakistan was wrong and questions their actual intentions to help in the fight against global terrorism.

Osama Bin Laden was one thousand yards away from a Pakistani military base that is often compared to our West

Point.

He had a mansion with eighteen foot high walls, topped with barbed wire.

The neighborhood never saw the occupants leave the residence, and for an unknown reason knew to stay away from the gates.

When the Special Forces arrived, a 40 minute firefight ensued causing the death of Bin Laden and four others.

Osama Bin Laden, the ultimate coward, reportedly tried to use his wife as a human shield.

After his loyal defenders had been either captured or killed, he ran upstairs to the third floor.

A soldier in pursuit shot him in the head and chest killing him.

The Special Forces team retrieved the body of Bin Laden and flew back to their carrier.

On board specialists identified the remains, performed a DNA test, took pictures and prepared the body for burial at sea.

Unlike his victims, Bin Laden received a proper religious ceremony and burial rites.

This goes to show the difference between the U.S. and its enemies.

We do the right thing. We respect the sacred traditions of others and are fully capable of not letting our emotions get the best of us.

I think Osama Bin Laden is a coward and he got what he deserved. I make no apologies on behalf of my feelings.

There are more important things happening in this world than worrying whether or not it was right to kill Osama Bin Laden.

George W. Bush set out after 9/11 to get Osama Bin Laden and it would be his

predecessor, Barack Obama, that ended the mission.

This is where I think President Obama deserves credit.

The priority to capture or kill Bin Laden had been put on the back burner after several dead ends.

However in August of this year, the president with new information on Bin Laden's whereabouts got a team together and stepped up the efforts.

They worked harder than ever and it was President Obama's direction that helped bring Bin Laden to justice.

My main reason for giving the president credit is that his liberal base has given up on effectively fighting the war on terror.

Barack Obama took office and has for the most part followed the same path that former President George W. Bush did on foreign policy with regards to the war.

The left has been giving him a lot of flak for his hawkish foreign policy and it just goes to show that the right thing to do is never easy.

Candidate Obama became President Obama and while I am not a big fan of his politics, I am a fan of his courage to do the business of the American people.

A decade search for the face of global terrorism has ended with the death of Osama Bin Laden.

A man who has killed men, women and children has met his maker.

America is jubilant and a sense of optimism has washed the face of our depressed nation.

We might be criticized for our celebration, but after 9/11, the country was deeply scarred and we now have a moment of closure.

The families that lost a loved one on that fateful day will never heal.

Editor's Desk



Extra, extra... read all about it... THIS IS THE LAST PAPER OF THE SEMESTER!

Wait, what? ... Already!? Wow the semester flew by. This has been such a great year though and doing the newspaper is the best thing I ever chose to do. You'll be seeing more of us for the next couple years, so no worries :)

I just want to say thank you to all of our writers and contributors. We wouldn't have a newspaper without all of your help and consistent writing. You are all fantastic and please, please continue to write next year! Thank you also to our fabulous advisors Professor Brewster and Professor Layng! Thanks for all of your help!

Lastly, thank you to Kristin Sherwood for being a great Copy Editor and friend to us! Best of luck with everything in the future. You better stay in touch!!

Have an absolutely wonderful summer, everyone! Thanks for reading and see you in the fall!

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But they deserve to know that the man responsible for the killings was brought to justice.

As a people, what would it say about ourselves if we let men like Bin Laden get away with their crimes?

It would say that we lacked the courage to do what needed to be done.

The killing of Bin Laden should be an example to

all who seek to destroy our way of life.

America will not sit idly by while men like Bin Laden are lurking in the darkness.

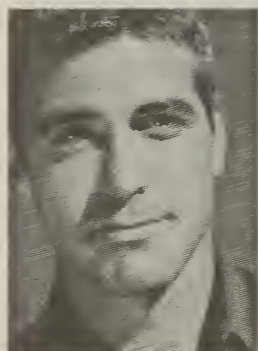
We are a peaceful people that respect law and order.

It may take ten years to deliver much needed justice, however in the words of Ronald Reagan, "You can run, but you cant hide."

REFLECTIONS

By Samantha Fahey

George Clooney – Born May 6, 1961



Clooney was born in Lexington, Kentucky, along with one older sister. He is related to many big names, including his father Nick Clooney and his aunt, singer Rosemary Clooney.

He attended numerous schools in his youth, and one year he developed Bell's palsy, a condition that paralyzes the face. He was teased but the disease went away within a year and he is quoted saying the experience "made me stronger." He got all As and Bs and was a star at both baseball and basketball. In 1977 he tried out with the Cincinnati Reds to play professional baseball but they never signed him. He didn't graduate from college. Clooney was in a few smaller shows

early in his career, but his breakthrough role came as Dr. Ross on ER from 1994 to 1999. His first major Hollywood role was in "From Dusk till Dawn." In 1997 he became the new hero in "Batman & Robin" and went on to star in "Brother Where Art Thou?," "Ocean's Eleven," and the more recent "Up in the Air." While he has starred in countless films, his passion is his humanitarian work. In 2008 he was appointed messenger of peace by the United Nations.

Frank Sinatra – Died May 14, 1998



Sinatra was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, the only child of Italian immigrants. He was expelled from high school after only 47 days because of his rowdy conduct. He worked a series

of odd jobs, all the time listening to big band jazz. As early as the age of eight he sang for tips in places like bars and parks. As a teenager he started to sing professionally, though it was always by ear, because he never learned to read music. In 1935 he got his break when he joined a local singing group, changing their name from The Three Flashes to the Hoboken Four. In 1939 he was asked by Tommy Dorsey to join his orchestra as the "boy singer." This was the turning

point in Sinatra's career because singing with this popular band made him known and loved by the American public. From then on it was "Sinatramania." He has countless top charted songs that are still popular today and he starred in numerous movies and shows. He retired at the age of 55 but made a comeback and never slowed down again, celebrating his 75th birthday with a national tour. At 82 years old, Sinatra died from his second heart attack with his wife by his side.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.com

Author Review: Hermann Hesse

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Perhaps Hermann Hesse is a name you already know as "Siddhartha" is sometimes taught in high school, and in college.

So, this week instead of a book review, I would like to recommend this author in general, as a normal book review cannot possibly express this.

A novelist, poet, short story writer, and occasional essayist, Hesse held a strong view that he was a citizen of the world, and if you read some of his essays, his wish for peace in the world is clear.

He was originally born in Germany, and fled the country as Hitler was taking power.

Throughout his life, he wrote against nationalism and several of his essays explicitly express this, sometimes through satire and sometimes through straight argument.

Hesse is a writer who touches upon the very nature of humanity.

In "Knulp," he explores a man's search for meaning, and affirms that every person has meaning in his or her life.

Several of his novels explore the passage into adulthood and growth throughout life.

He does this in a real way every single time, and even though some of his novels contain supernatural elements, the psychological elements of his work make everything seem either real or so in depth that you can't help but feel for the characters.

However, the most important thing to be said about his works is the philosophical depth and the amount of thought each book provokes after someone reads them.

Many people have said "Siddhartha" is a life-changing book, and after reading it myself, along with most of Hesse's other works, I can see why they say so.

That story of a man's spiritual journey was in my head for weeks after I read it. There are few books that have had that effect.

There is so much more that can be said, but the best thing I could say is that he clearly won the Nobel Prize in Literature for a reason, and his ideas are uplifting in a way that is so rare in today's literary works.

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6. Bruno Mars - The Lazy Song
7. Jennifer Lopez - On The Floor
8. Chris Brown - Look At Me Now
9. Ke\$ha - Blow
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Rise Against: Three generations of punk

Matt Jardin
Voice Reporter

Three generations of punk rock bands collided at the House of Blues in Boston on Saturday.

The show opened with a hometown band called Four Years Strong, from Worcester. The band released its first album, ironically in 2007, so they have been going now for four years strong.

Following was the warm up band Bad Religion, a band that has been around for over 20 years.

The headliner was Rise Against whose new album *Endgame* debuted at number two on the billboard charts.

Chris McAulliffe, a Rise Against fan, said after the concert, "All of the bands were great, this was the best concert I have ever seen." The concert was sold out with about 500 attendees.

All three bands had new music to test out in front of the pumped up Boston crowd.

Four Years Strong went on at around 7p.m. and they played a very small set. Bad Religion played for about an hour, and they not only played their music but also entertained the crowd with a few jokes, and performed the tasks of the typical "warm up band."

At about 9:05p.m. Rise Against came out and opened with "Chamber the Cartridge," the opening song to the album *Sufferer and the Witness*.

The band played an array of songs in their arsenal, with a strong mix of old and new.

They played fan favorites such as "Re-Education (Through Labor)," "Survive," and "audience of one."

The band played four songs off of their new album: "Architects," the opening track on *Endgame*, "Help is on the way," the albums first single to hit mainstream radio, "Satellite," and "Make it Stop (Septembers Children)."

When the band finished their set with "Ready to Fall," fans demanded more with a "Rise Against" chant. The band



Photo by lyricsbird.com

returned for a three-song set before leaving for the night.

Endgame is the sixth album Rise Against has released, and the Chicago based band has been together for ten years.

With the strong meaning behind his lyrics, lead singer Tim McIlrath brings energy to a performance that can only be matched by the drummer Brandon Barnes, lead guitarist

Zach Blair, and bass player Joe Principe, who was wearing a Bad Religion shirt.

McIlrath said on stage, "It is so cool to tour with a band that influenced you, and it's even cooler to find out that they are really cool people to hang out with."

Rise Against left the stage with lead singer Tim McIlrath saying, "Thank you Boston, we will see you next time."

The Office: Looking back at the transformation of Michael Scott

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Last Thursday, marked the end for Steve Carell as Michael Scott on "The Office." In an hour-long episode, viewers saw Michael say goodbye to each of his co-workers in his crazy but funny style.

However, looking back at the episode, I noticed something; the day that the episode aired was April 28, because that is the same date as Take Our Daughters & Sons To Work Day. Fans of the Office will remember in season 2

that the Office had an episode about taking your daughter to work, but if you re-watch that particular episode one thing stands out.

It is that Michael just wanted to be loved. "I want to be married and have 100 kids, so I can have 100 friends, and no one can say no to being my friend," he said.

From his earliest days, Michael Scott required the attention and approval of everyone around him. It was something that he carried throughout the years of the show.

In Michael last episode viewers bid farewell to a man

who was often misjudged as an idiot or a sad clown. We could believe those horrible things because Michael believed them about himself.

It was difficult for Michael to aspire to be anything beyond the title on his business card, until the people around him became the family he had always wanted.

At the beginning of "The Office", Michael was so hated by the staff that he had to buy himself a "World's Best Boss" mug to celebrate what he wanted his standing to be.

Nevertheless, when Michael left the office he left with something much

better than that mug. To see the rest of the office, who in the beginning treat Michael like an idiot, sincerely miss and respect him is all that Michael ever wanted.

So now "The Office" must continue without Michael Scott (Steve Carell) and the big question on everybody's mind is will the show continue to stay on the air or still be as entertaining.

Sadly, the answer to that question is probably not. "The Office" was a show that will always be about Michael Scott, and how he wanted to create the perfect family out of an office.

Summer Recommendations: Music and Books that are musts for the season

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Literature is not my only passion. I also enjoy listening to, playing, and going to see live music. I am excited about discovering new music and going to many concerts over the summer. Here is a list of some of my favorite albums to listen to in the summer.

1. "Quadrophenia" by The Who- Released in 1973, "Quadrophenia" was The Who's second rock opera. Although it didn't achieve nearly as much commercial and live success as their 1969 rock opera "Tommy", "Quadrophenia" is my favorite of the two.

This double album is also my favorite album to listen to over the summer. This album tells the story of a young Mod named Jimmy who lives in England during the riots between the mods and the rockers.

This album features amazing instrumental tunes that use beach sounds such as waves crashing, seagulls, and rain pattering on the sand.

I first listened to this album in its entirety on the way to Race Point on the Cape when I was about 15 or so and it was one of the highlights of my summer.

Key tracks: "Cut My Hair", "The Punk And The Godfather", "I'm One" "5:15", "Sea And Sand", "Love, Reign O'er Me."

2. "Magical Mystery Tour" by The Beatles- Overshadowed by "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band", "Magical Mystery Tour" is a fun, psychedelic record that makes for great summertime spinning on my turntable.

"Magical Mystery Tour" is whimsical, experimental, and features some of my favorite Beatles vocal harmonies.

When it is a mild, breezy day, I pull out this album and get lost in the psychedelic sounds of the late Beatles.

From songs such as "The Fool On The Hill" to "Strawberry Fields Forever",

this album is full of summertime gems.

Key tracks: "Magical Mystery Tour", "Blue Jay Way", "Your Mother Should Know", "Hello Goodbye", "Baby You're A Rich Man," "All You Need Is Love."

3. "Easter Everywhere" by The 13th Floor Elevators- The 13th Floor Elevators were a psychedelic garage rock band from Texas that came onto the scene in the 1960s.

Lead by Roky Erickson, The 13th Floor Elevators appeared as suddenly as they left.

However, their albums, especially the 1967 classic "Easter Everywhere" remain popular with 60s garage rock fans.

The album features trippy, danceable, psychedelic tunes that are essential to my summer listening.

The 2003 reissue of this album includes both live and unreleased tracks. However, the original album is a treat in itself.

Key tracks: "Slip Inside This House", "She Lives (In A Time Of Her Own)", "Levitation", "Postures (Leave Your Body Behind)", "Slide Machine", "Nobody To Love."

4. "Colorado '88" by Phish- One of my favorite live albums, this 3-CD album is great for soaking up the sun with and dancing to.

Recorded on their summer 1988 tour of Colorado, this album shows Phish at the beginning of becoming known for their live shows.

The vocal harmonies are right on key and the coziness of the small venues adds to the charm of these recordings.

The onstage banter is also a treat. This album is extremely funky and really shows the listener where Phish came from to where they are now.

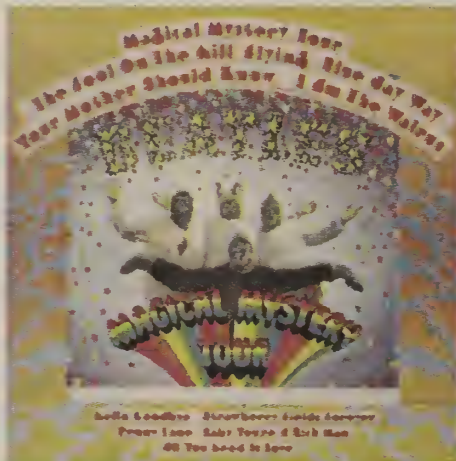


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I can't begin to explain how amazing this album is; you will just have to listen for yourselves!

Key tracks: "I Didn't Know", "Harpua", "Sneaking Sally Through The Alley", "Alumni Blues", "Letter To Jimmy Page", "Mike's Song", "Weekapaug Groove", "You Enjoy Myself", "AC/DC Bag", "Thank You."

5. "Turn On" by The Music Machine- "Turn On" was the first of only two studio albums recorded by garage rock/garage punk/psychedelic rock pioneers The Music Machine.

"Turn On" was released in 1966. The band's sound is dominated by the use of fuzz guitars and an organ.

The band plays a diverse garage rock sound that is great for listening to while going on a bike ride or gardening.

Compared to The 13th Floor Elevators, The Music Machine leans more towards garage rock than psychedelic rock. The fuzzy guitars make this album stand out and make it perfect for summer.

Key tracks: "Talk Talk", "Trouble", "Masculine Intuition", "Some Other Drum", "96 Tears", "Double Yellow Line."

All of these albums and bands make for great summer listening and are some of my favorites.

These albums are great for the summer, and I hope you enjoy them!

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Summer break will soon be upon us. I am very excited about summer break, but not because for the normal reasons of vacations and spending time with friends.

I am excited for summer because it gives me a chance to read books that I didn't have time to read due to my busy college schedule.

Here is a list of five books that I have read during summer breaks. These books are now some of my personal favorites and I hope that you enjoy them as well.

1. "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller - "Catch-22" is unlike any other war novel I have read and is one of my favorite books.

This book had me laughing all the way through. It is extremely original and is considered a classic.

"Catch-22" focuses on a bombardier named Yossarian during the final months of WWII. His problem is that he wants to go home.

However, in order to get out of the war, he has to fly a certain number of missions. This is the novel that the saying "Catch-22" comes from.

If you are interested in a farcical, hilarious, yet shocking treatment of WWII, this book is for you.

2. "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth - "The Plot Against America" asks the question "What if Charles A. Lindbergh became president instead of FDR in 1941?"

Roth explores this question and the problems that arise from it in an alternate universe New Jersey.

In Roth's world, Lindbergh reached an "understanding" with Hitler, whose anti-Semitic policies he seemed to have no problem with.

The Jews in Newark and around the U.S. had every reason to expect the worst.

What occurs in the book is entertaining, yet

frightening in its clarity of what could have happened.

3. "Big Sur" by Jack Kerouac - I must warn you, this book is not for the faint of heart. It is painfully real and discusses some dark themes.

However, this is one of my favorite books and I encourage everyone to pick it up.

"Big Sur" is a semi-autobiographical tale that details Kerouac's struggles with alcoholism and the horrors of delirium tremens.

This book discusses Jack Kerouac's journey to Big Sur with his friends for one last go at being "King of the Beatniks." Throughout this novel, Kerouac discusses his feelings towards himself, others, and the pain he was going through.

4. "Prey" by Michael Crichton - "Prey" focuses on the intriguing concept of nanotechnology and how it can be controlled. This book is extremely suspenseful and has many surprising plot twists.

"Prey" features out of control nanotechnology, corruption, and near-death conflicts. "Prey" is a great read and is my favorite science-fiction novel.

5. "Waiting For Godot" by Samuel Beckett - "Waiting For Godot" is my favorite absurdist/existential/drama/comedy play that I have read and would be thrilled to see performed onstage.

"Waiting For Godot" focuses on two homeless men that are waiting for someone called Godot.

They wait near a barren tree on a long stretch of road in the middle of nowhere.

It is an allegorical tale of man's search for meaning in a seemingly purposeless life. If you enjoy plays, laughs, and situations that make you pause to think, then this play is for you.

I urge everyone to read any of the aforementioned books or plays.

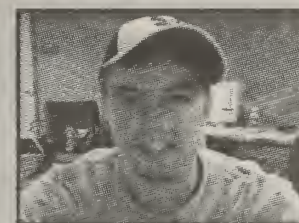
I also urge you to seek out your own books and plays to read over the summer.

Have a great break and see you next semester!

Ramblings from the Sports Nest

By: Rob Donoghue

Sports Editor



I don't mean to pat myself on the back, but when you're right, you're right.

And most of the NFL Draft predictions I put in this column two weeks ago were right.

I'll save the back patting for another day – preferably the day Tyler buys me that pizza he now owes me.

Anyway, I couldn't have been happier on draft night than when the Tennessee Titans selected Jake Locker – who I'm sure you know by now I have a man crush on – with the eighth overall pick.

Outside of the Patriots and Bills, the only other AFC team I've really been a fan of is the Titans. I loved the team that featured Eddie George, Derrick Mason, Frank Wycheck and the late great Steve McNair.

When the Titans drafted Vince Young third overall back in 2006 I was ecstatic. Young was my favorite college player at the time and I quickly went out and bought his jersey.

But Young turned out to quite frankly be a whining baby and terrible teammate who couldn't handle adversity. He was an awful locker room presence and anything but a leader.

Locker is the exact opposite.

The Titans knew that, and that's why they're moving forward with Locker as their franchise QB. Finally playing with a good offensive line and talent around him, Locker will have a great opportunity to prove his doubters wrong and show that he has what it takes to play in the NFL.

While he should sit for a year and learn behind a veteran, he might be rushed into action sooner rather than later and will need to continue to work out and improve all aspects of his game.

Being taken so high, there will be a lot of pressure on

Tennessee to put him in games soon and let him learn from his mistakes on the field. That strategy has worked for some but destroyed the careers of others.

We'll see what happens, but I think Locker will be okay either way.

I'm just hoping he might take Young's old number 10 jersey so my authentic Titans jersey doesn't go to waste – I can just buy a Locker nameplate and get it sewn right over Young's name.

That's kind of what the Titans are doing with Locker. Five years after drafting Young, they're pushing the do over button and hoping Locker is nothing like the former #10.

So when I said Locker would be a top 12 pick, looks like I was right.

Seeing Blaine Gabbert, a creation by ESPN and the sports media world, be the third quarterback taken (cough, after Locker) did put a smile on my face as well.

Gabbert could very well have a great NFL career and will hopefully be AFC South rivals with Locker for years to come.

But I just don't understand what took place for him to jump from number five or six to number one on people's QB draft boards in a matter of days (right after Andrew Luck announced he'd be staying at Stanford...).

We'll see how it turns out, but we won't know if Gabbert was a steal or Christian Ponder was a reach at 12 by the Vikings until we see where their careers are at five years from now.

My prediction of Arizona taking Patrick Peterson fifth overall instead of a quarterback also came true.

Peterson was too talented to pass up on and the Cardinals have no interest in adding another young QB. They

had two rookie quarterbacks on their roster last year and look how that turned out...

Arizona wants a veteran, specifically Kevin Kolb, to make Larry Fitzgerald happy. The Cardinals are the frontrunners in the Kolb sweepstakes and would suddenly become the favorites in the NFC West if they're able to acquire him.

Peterson will be a great addition to their defense and return game but the Cardinals won't be a legitimate threat until they acquire a new quarterback.

My final prediction that Mark Ingram wouldn't be a top 20 pick (and wouldn't be one of the best two running backs in this draft class) is looking right so far.

While we won't know if I was right about the second half of that prediction for years, the first part was right as Ingram wasn't picked until the Saints took him 28th overall.

While most people had him going 15 to the Dolphins, I just never agreed with that pick. Miami upgraded their offensive line first and then took Daniel Thomas later, a strategy that made much more sense to me.

I'm just not a fan of taking running backs in the first round unless you know they're going to be the next A.P. and I'm glad the Patriots didn't take Ingram in the first round.

I don't think Ingram

makes sense with the Saints and I still believe durability concerns and a lack of elite speed will prevent Ingram from ever being an elite back in the NFL.

I think the Patriots second round pick of Shane Vereen was a much better value pick as he and fellow newcomer Stevan Ridley will add great depth and talent to the Pats running back committee.

The Patriots couldn't run the ball against the Jets in the playoffs, plain and simple. While Green-Ellis gets the most out of his limited talent, he isn't an explosive NFL starting back and while Woodhead is a fan favorite, he's a situational player who struggles at times.

Ridley will be a pounder and goal line threat while Vereen will be a home run hitter and great pass catcher out of the backfield. Despite what "experts" are saying, he'll be more than just a third down back.

I liked most of the Patriots other picks including the Ryan Mallett selection, which represented tremendous value in the third round. He could be groomed as a future starter behind Brady or traded in a couple years for higher picks like backups Matt Schaub and Charlie Whitehurst once were.

Nate Solder will

create a tremendous tackle duo with Sebastian Vollmer for years to come and guard Marcus Cannon will prove to be an absolute steal in the fifth round.

However, I think not taking a defensive front seven player until the sixth round was a mistake. Bill Belichick must have a lot of faith in Ty Warren and Marcus Stroud at defensive end along with second year player Jermaine Cunningham (a second round pick in 2010) to develop into a starting outside linebacker.

There's a lot of pressure on Cunningham now to develop into one of the team's top edge rushers but the Pats sixth round pick Markell Carter reminds me of Arthur Moats, Buffalo's sixth round pick in 2010 who eventually became a starter.

Well, I'm out of room folks but as always, thanks for reading. It's been a lot of fun writing this column each week this year and I appreciate all the feedback and support I've gotten.

Keep sending in your emails to westfieldvoicesports@yahoo.com and I plan on having more contests with prizes next year – so stay tuned!

Have a great summer boys and girls and look for the *Sports Nest* in September, 2011.

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WSU softball pulls off extra inning comeback on Senior Day

Tyler Morissette
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday, April 30, three Westfield seniors played their last regular season game as Kristyn Carroll, Cassy Jouannet and Alicia Gardner took field for a regular season game at WSU for the final time.

But it was the heroics of a sophomore catcher who helped the Lady Owls come back to beat Fitchburg State 6-5 in the first game of a double header.

Catcher Brittany Dussault hit a two run bomb with two outs in the seventh inning to tie the game at four

all. As coach Lou Ann Simchak put it, "for a sophomore catcher to step up and be able to handle the pressure of that situation was amazing."

Having probably the best pitcher in the MASCAC also helped as Madeline Tomich threw eight innings and kept the Lady Falcons hitters confused as she struck out five batter on the day.

Though Tomich struggled a little in the game, once again Simchak had confidence in her star pitcher. "She is the best pitcher in the league. Sometimes players have bad days, but life goes on."

"You have to get over it and Madeline was able to put some of her troubles she had

in the beginning of the game behind and not let that get her down."

In the top of the eighth inning, Fitchburg scored a run to bring the score to 5-4. With runners on second and third and no outs, the Lady Owls needed a big play to keep the deficit at one.

What happened next surely qualifies as getting the job done as the Owls were able to pull off a 5-2-4-5-8-3 triple play.

Yes, that is correct a triple play. With the momentum carried over from the great defensive play, Westfield came up to bat ready to win the game. Sophomore Courtney Begin led off the inning with a single to left

field. After moving to second on a sacrifice, Kristyn Carroll lined triple to left-center to bring in Begin to tie the score.

Finally, Lisa Policelli drove home Carroll with the game winning run on a walk off single. After the game, Simchak was very proud of her team's refusal to quit.

"I am so proud of my team, they had no quit in them and they kept on fighting no matter what happened. All year they showed no quit and their perseverance was on display today."

Begin had a huge game for the Owls as she had three hits on the day.

In the second game of the double-header, the Owls

easily defeated the Falcons 11-0 in five innings. Westfield had 12 hits in the game with Dussault having three of them.

In addition, Kerin DeGirolamo was 3-3 with three runs scored and an RBI and Alicia Gardner was 2-2 with three runs scored and an RBI. That was all the run support Kerry Alcott needed as she only allowed two hits in the game.

With the win, the Owls finished the regular season 20-17 and clinched the first seed in the MASCAC tournament.

However, the day was all about the three seniors who played their last regular season game. As Simchak put it, "they are great leaders and are some amazing girls."

Pending lockout makes for interesting 2011 NFL Draft

Joey Cooper
Voice Reporter

This year's NFL Draft was very unique as teams were unable to make trades for players during the draft due to the NFL lockout that's in place.

Players could not be signed following the final seventh round also because of the current labor situation.

This made day three rounds four through seven extremely important to players hoping to make an NFL roster.

Some may think undrafted free agents are a waste, but consider this list of undrafted players who have made an impact in the league: Tony Romo, Miles Austin, Wes Welker, Antonio Gates, Warren Moon, Jake Delhomme, Rod Smith, Ryan Grant, Priest Holmes, Adam Vinatieri and Kurt Warner.

The Carolina Panthers started things off with a desperation pick when they selected Heisman winning

quarterback Cam Newton. Haven't they learned anything in the history of the NFL Draft?

What was Ron Rivera and company thinking taking the scrambling, spread offense, inaccurate, inexperienced quarterback first overall?

Since 1999, there have been 10 quarterbacks taken first overall in the NFL Draft. Only two of those players have a record over .500!

Michael Vick the first has his legs to rely on and Eli Manning, who is a big baby and forced his way into New York, is surrounded by a quality supporting cast.

Carolina just got done drafting Jimmy Clausen in the second round last season, who has room to improve.

I am not saying this pick can't work out in the future, but Rivera is putting himself on the hot seat with one of the biggest reaches in the one spot in recent memory.

Things cooled off until Atlanta made a last minute desperation trade to move up

into the sixth overall spot from Cleveland to draft Julio Jones, a wide receiver from Alabama.

Cleveland took Atlanta's 2011 first round, second and fourth round picks along with their 2012 first round pick and fourth round pick.

Talk about a steep price to play for the number two rated wide receiver in the draft. Atlanta didn't need to make a Mike Ditka type draft pick panicking to get their guy.

Picks eight through twelve got very interesting when the Tennessee Titans went out and drafted Jake Locker, quarterback from Washington. The Jacksonville Jaguars made a great move at the ten spot drafting Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert.

Here, Gabbert has a great chance to be something special someday. He doesn't have to be thrown into the fire now to save the franchise as he can learn behind veteran quarterback David Garrard.

The Minnesota Vikings didn't seem lose Tennessee's

momentum of reaching for quarterbacks when they drafted projected second to third rounder Christian Ponder from Florida State.

They just made their starting quarterback decision a little bit harder with all moderately talented players.

Even though I might regret this by questioning the great Bill Belichick, what was he thinking?

He started things off positively by addressing the need for a highly talented tackle in Nate Solder out of Colorado, but after that things went wrong.

After that the Patriots picked up a CB, two RB's, QB, OT, TE, DE and a DB.

They waited for the sixth round to roll around to finally pick up a defensive end Markell Carter from Central Arkansas.

Their defense allowed 47% of third down conversions to their opponents directly stemming from a lack of pass rush. Drafting quarterback

Ryan Mallet may pay off, in six or seven years!

If I am Bill Belichick, I am thinking I have a top three quarterback in the league in his prime, how can I win now.

The Mallet draft pick will not help getting more pressure on the opposing quarterback or stop the run.

Some steals in the draft came deep into the second round when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers drafted Da'Quan Bowers, defensive end from Clemson.

As a result of knee problems, the Bucs got a top 10 overall talent at the 51st overall pick.

As if the Green Bay offense wasn't already unstoppable enough, they went out and drafted wide receiver Randall Cobb from Kentucky.

This guy can do it all in the slot, outside or on special teams. The Packers are the first team since the New England Patriots in 2004 who can realistically win back to back titles.

Taurus

(April 21 – May 21)

You'll be feeling rather sociable, and you should really try to spend a little time with a few good friends while you can. You'll have plenty of things you're dying to talk to them about anyway.

Gemini

(May 22 – June 21)

A few troubling issues will really be weighing on your mind this week, and you should try to talk to someone who can lend you a little helpful advice.

Cancer

(June 22 – July 22)

You ought to be eager to break out of your routine and expand your horizons this week, and you may find it a little tough to focus on some of your responsibilities.

Leo

(July 23 – August 23)

Some new financial opportunities should be coming your way at this time. And even though your instincts ought to be pretty good, just make sure that you discuss any opportunities you're encountering with someone you trust.

Virgo

(August 24 – September 22)

No matter what else you have to deal with this week, your mind will keep drifting back to some troubling issues that have been bothering you lately. There's really no point in dwelling on these matters.

Libra

(September 23 – October 22)

There will be quite a few obligations and responsibilities for you to have to deal with at the moment. And you'll find yourself having to do quite a bit of running around today. Just don't shy away from anything that needs to be dealt with.

Scorpio

(October 23 – November 21)

You should be having some interesting conversations, and you may even be coming up with a few interesting plans about how to have a good time right now. You'll be tempted to enjoy yourself a little too much though, so just be careful.

Sagittarius

(November 22 – December 21)

A few issues around the house will end up requiring quite a bit of your attention this week. And you really ought to think about the best way to try to handle any difficult situations involving your family.

Capricorn

(December 21 – January 20)

If you're feeling rather sociable at the moment, don't hesitate to reach out and connect with as many different people as you possibly can. If you do, some helpful information could end up coming your way.

Aquarius

(January 21 – February 19)

If a few financial issues end up requiring quite a bit of your attention, just try not to let it all stress you out too much. If you can, take the opportunity to talk things over with someone whose opinions you value.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You should be feeling extremely positive and optimistic at the moment, and you'll be eager to talk to just about everyone you meet.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

If things have been a bit hectic for you lately, you'll definitely be longing for a little rest and relaxation this week.

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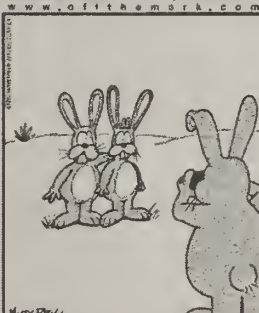
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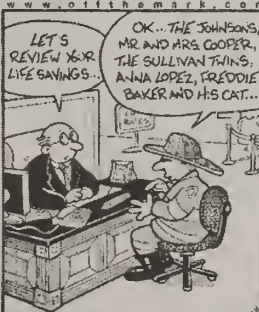
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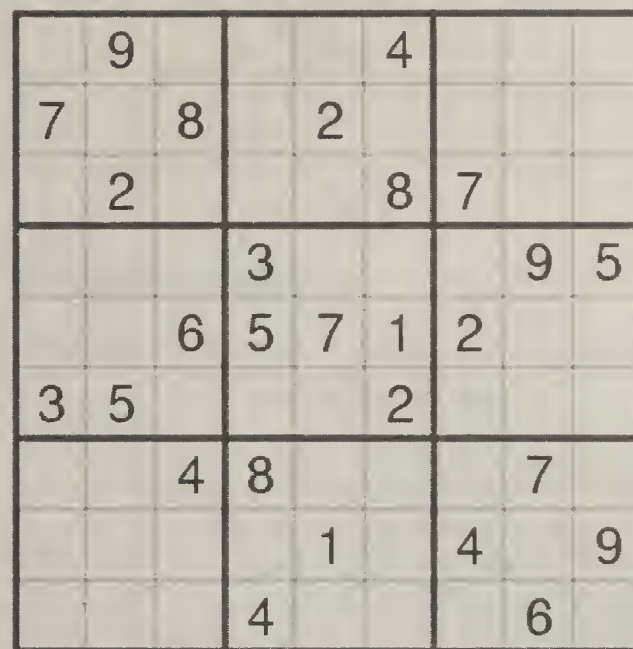


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